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THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Stock market irregular.

Cash wheat, No. 2 red, $1.07⅛; cash corn, No. 2 mixed, 37⅛c; cash cotton, 6¼c.

CONGRESS.—The Senate yesterday adopted Mr. Turpie's resolution objecting to the terms of the sale of the Kansas Pacific Railroad. The House continued consideration of the Bankruptcy bill.—Page 5.

FOREIGN.—Gen. Pellieux admitted at Zola's trial in Paris that the guilt of Dreyfus was confirmed by a document received by the authorities after the trial. The admission was viewed with much concern by military men who expected to see the War Department succeed in its efforts to keep these matters secret. Sir James Stansfeld, a former British Cabinet officer, is dead. An explosion of fire damp in a colliery in Prussia resulted in the loss of nearly fifty lives. Two hundred fishermen were blown to sea on an ice floe in the Gulf of Finland. Twelve sailors belonging to a wrecked Chilean ship are missing. The survivors have been taken to Sydney, N. S. W. A new ministry has been appointed in Norway.—Page 7.

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Edwin Bates obtained a verdict for $1,200 damages against Charles H. Hoyt, the playwright, in Boston.

Spain has officially disclaimed the reflections contained in the de Lome letter, and Minister Woodford has transmitted her reply to Washington.

There is absolutely no clue to the cause of the destruction of the battleship Maine. The survivors at Key West and naval officials in Washington scout the suggestion that a percussion torpedo in the water caused the explosion. Lieut. Blandin, who was on watch, gives an account of his experience. Twenty-five bodies of the dead were buried at Havana yesterday. The Spanish officials and thousands of citizens attended the funeral. The wounded are being well cared for in Havana and Key West. A Board of Inquiry has been appointed. Expressions of sympathy and regret have been received from nearly all the governments of the world.

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Great interest was manifested in this city yesterday in the possible arrival of the Spanish warship Viscaya, which is due.

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The Republican County Committee passed resolutions on primaries and "harmony" last night.

The Bernard Rourke Association of the Eighth Assembly District met last night and denounced the leadership of Martin Engel.

The salaries of many officials were cut down in the Department of Highways yesterday, and ten places in the Charities Department were abolished.

At the trial of Sheriff Martin and his Deputies, in Wilkesbarre, Penn., many witnesses who were disabled for life told of wanton acts of cruelty at Lattimer.

The New York Academy of Medicine adopted resolutions approving the Spooner bill providing for a National Health Bureau. It also received a report from its Committee on Expert Medical Testimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt gave the last big dance of the season at their home, 9 Lexington Avenue, last night. It was a "plant party," such as those given in the time of Louis XVI., and the women guests were costumed to represent flowers, fruits, or vegetables.

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Deputy Commissioner Moffett said he would cause the removal of Engineer Milne or know the reason why. The appointment has apparently reached a stage, it is said, where Hugh McLaughlin will start a fight on Tammany unless the appointment is given to his man

The Constitutional amendment providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature was advanced to the order of third reading yesterday in the Senate. Senator Sullivan introduced a bill providing for rebates of corporation taxes paid on capital not employed in this State, which Deputy Controller W. J. Morgan says would upset the tax system of the State. The regular and independent Republican leaders conferred with the Governor on the subject of primary election reform. There were committee hearings on the Dollar Gas and Good Roads bills.

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The steamer Clara Nevada's loss with sixty or sixty-five lives is confirmed by the latest advices received at Seattle.

At the hearing in the Richardson will case, counsel for the widow announced that he would attempt to prove that the testimony given by Homer Nicholls was false.

The "war scare" caused a falling off in bidding on the part of out-of-town people who are attending the Garden horse sale, and as a result city buyers found many bargains.

The Yale, Harvard, and Columbia crews will row a triangular race at New London June 23 or 24. Cornell, Columbia, and Pennsylvania will meet, either at Saratoga or Poughkeepsie, July 1.

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Miss Sarah Henrietta Crane was married to Raymond Sanford White at Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church by the Rev. William Huckel of Passaic, N. J.

A fire was discovered in London in the archway under the London, Chatham and Dover Railway, which is used by Sir Henry Irving to store scenery. It spread to the Free Library and another warehouse.

At the annual dinner of the Third Panel Sheriff's jury, held at Delmonico's last night, Chauncey M. Depew and the Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton spoke of the loss of the Maine. Dr. Depew proposed a toast to the memory of her dead and Dr. Paxton asked for a suspension of judgment until after the official investigation. Nearly 250 men were present at the dinner.

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Leonard R. Welles, ex-Police Commissioner of Brooklyn, escaped from Dr. Cooley's Sanitarium on Wednesday. The police are searching for him.

The Insurance Tariff Association adopted a resolution creating a joint committee for regulation of rates as they see fit, thus thus insuring the stability of the organization.

There was another flurry in wheat yesterday in Chicago, the price for May running up to $1.06⅛ in the early trading. High prices caused realizing, the effect of which was to make the closing price only seven-eighths of a cent above the close on Wednesday.

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Two women and a plumber were badly burned through an explosion of a gasoline furnace used by the latter in making some repairs.

Bishop Dudley of Kentucky has declined to accept his election as Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The committee of prominent citizens appointed by Mayor Van Wyck to manage the proposed Charter Day celebration met and organized yesterday.

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association passed a resolution denouncing the Ellsworth Anti-Cartoon bill as a menace, and sent it to the Legislature.

The annual joint meeting of the New York Library Club and the New York Library Association was held yesterday. It was reported that in the last four years the circulation of books had increased over a million.

A thief in the guise of a gas inspector stole $2,500 in jewels belonging to Mrs. I. Townsend Burden. Detectives arrested the man, recovered the property, and forced a confession by which other thefts amounting to $3,000 were discovered and the jewels found.

Edward P. Barker, Theodore Sutro, and James L. Wells, ex-Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, were adjudged guilty of contempt of court for failing to obey a writ of certiorari issued July 8 last on an allegation of excessive assessment of Metropolitan Street Railway property.

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DEATH OF MISS WILLARD

Well-Known Temperance Worker Succumbs to an Attack of Influenza.

A SKETCH OF HER BUSY LIFE

She Had for Years Been President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union—Funeral Services Here and at Evanston, Ill.

Miss Frances E. Willard, the well-known temperance reformer and President of the World's and the National Women's Christian Temperance Unions, who had been seriously ill for several days from influenza with gastric complications, died shortly after midnight this morning at the Hotel Empire. At her bedside at the time of her death were her niece, Mrs. W. W. Baldwin; Mrs. L. M. M. Stevens, Vice President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union; Miss Anna M. Gordon, who was Miss Willard's secretary, and Dr. Alfred K. Hill.

There will be funeral services in New York City and one later in Evanston, Ill., Miss Willard's home, where the body will be taken.

Frances E. Willard, social reformer and leader among the advocates of temperance, was born Sept. 29, 1839, in the village of Churchville, near Rochester, N. Y., of Puritan parentage. Her girlhood was passed on the banks of the Rock River, Wisconsin, in a wild environment of wood and prairie. Forest Home was the name of her father's cottage there.

Early in 1858 the family removed to Evanston, Ill., the seat of the Northwestern University, where Mr. Willard became a partner in the Chicago banking firm of Preston, Willard & Kean. Previous to this time Miss Willard attended the Milwaukee Female College, founded by Catharine Beecher, and in 1859 was graduated from the Northwestern University, at Evanston. Three years later she was made Professor of Natural Science in that institution, and subsequently she was called to the Pittsburg Female College. In 1866 she became Principal of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, N. Y., remaining there two years.

Studied in Foreign Cities.

In 1868-70, Miss Willard traveled through Europe and the East. She studied in Paris, Berlin, and Rome, and visited nearly every European capital. She also traveled in Palestine and Egypt. In Paris she studied in the College of France and the Petit Sorbonne, attending lectures by Guizot and other noted men. While abroad she wrote for The New York Independent, Harper's Monthly, The Christian Union, and various Chicago journals. From 1871 to 1874 she was Professor of Aesthetics in Northwestern University and Dean of the Woman's College, where she developed her system of self-government.

It was in 1874 that Miss Willard gave up her profession to identify herself with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, serving as Corresponding Secretary of the National organization till 1879, and since that date as its President. Of her work a writer recently said in The Rami's Horn: "Her marvelous faculty for organizing developed, and made itself manifest. She purposed to herself to visit and speak in every town in the United States which numbered 10,000 inhabitants, afterward including many of 5,000, organizing and energizing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in nearly every town which she visited. For ten years she averaged one public meeting a day, writing letters and articles, planning work while in transit between towns at which she spoke. In 1879 she was made President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and her skillful management and unprecedented travels throughout America have given it the unique position it holds in the world to-day. The remarkable feature of her work is that she manifests equal capacity with pen, voice, and in administration."

On the death of her brother, Oliver A. Willard, in 1879, she succeeded him as the editor of Chicago Evening Post. Since 1882 she been a member of the Executive Committee of the Prohibition Party. In 1886 she accepted the leadership of the White Cross movement in her unions, which have since chiefly through her exertions enactments in twelve States for the protection of women. In 1888 she was made President of the American Branch of the International Council of Women and of the World's Christian Temperance Union.

After the foundation of the World's Christian Temperance Union, which was a child of Miss Willard's brain, her next great idea was to issue an immense polyglot petition, having signatures from people of the chief countries of the world, and to present it to the heads of the different Governments. This great scheme was undertaken with enthusiasm by the branches of each Woman's Christian Temperance Union in their respective towns, cities, and countries, and 7,000,000 names and indorsements were secured. At the last meeting of the World's Union in Toronto, October, 1897, the petition, its various parts pasted together in ribbon form, covered the walls of the Massey Music Hall, the meeting place of the convention, on all sides, leaving many yards to spare.

Remains as a Moral Example.

The weak point in the petition, which the temperance worker learned after it was well under way, was that no nation could accept officially petitions from any but its own subjects. But it still remains, the workers in its behalf aver, one of the greatest moral examples of the world.

In 1892, on the death of her mother, Lady Henry Somerset invited Miss Willard to England, where, in Exeter Hall, she was welcomed by the united philanthropic societies of Great Britain. In June, 1894, she returned home and was welcomed at a great meeting in New York, at which a telegram was read announcing that the Ohio Wesleyan University had conferred upon her the title of LL. D.

Miss Willard found time, amid all her work, to publish several volumes, among them "Nineteen Beautiful Years," a tribute to a dead sister; "Woman and Temperance," "Glimpses of Fifty Years," "How to Win," "Woman in the Pulpit," and "A Great Mother," the latter a memorial of her mother.

Personally, Miss Willard was a woman of attractive presence. She possessed that unknown quantity often called magnetism, which was felt in her private conversation as well as in her public addresses. She had an equable temper, a ready wit, and a great fund of humor. Her travels and acquaintance with many people of many climes had given her a fund of information and an insight into human nature which made her always an entertaining companion. Her gift of language was great. The strong point in her character, which was brought into play in her temperance work, was her power of organization. The loss of her mother, Mme. Willard, a woman of strong character and unusual common sense, after a close companionship of over fifty years, was a great blow to Miss Willard, and her friends often thought that she never entirely recovered from the shock.

VERDICT AGAINST MR. HOYT.

Edwin Bates Gets $1,200 Damages in Boston on Two Counts.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The trial of the ten-thousand-dollar suit against playwright Charles H. Hoyt in the Second Session of the Superior Civil Court brought by Edwin Bates has closed. The only witness for the defense other than Mr. Hoyt was Fred Wright, his manager, whose testimony was in substance similar to Mr. Hoyt's. The jury, after considering the case for over three hours, returned a verdict of $1,200 for the plaintiff. On the first count, or "thief" count, the return was for the defendant; on the second, charging the use of vile words, $1,000, and on the last count, for spitting, $200, both for the plaintiff.

Elected Mayor by One Majority.

LANCASTER, Penn., Feb. 17.—The official count to-day of the vote cast for Mayor on Tuesday resulted in the election of Simons Shissler, Democrat, over Samuel N. Myers, by one majority.

SPAIN DISAVOWS DE LOME

Minister Woodford Transmits Her Formal Disclaimer of His Expressions to Canalejas.

PROFESSES HER GOOD FAITH

The Resignation Was Accepted, It Is Said in Excuse, Before the Cabinet Had Seen a Full Report of the Letter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Spain has officially disclaimed in positive manner the reflections contained in the de Lome letter, and, as officially announced by the State Department to-day, the incident is satisfactorily closed. The statement given out is as follows:

The following is an abstract of a note sent last evening by the Spanish Government to Minister Woodford at Madrid:

"The Spanish Government, on learning of the incident in which Minister Dupuy de Lome was concerned, and being advised of his objectionable communication, with entire sincerity laments the incident which was the cause of the interview with the Minister. States that Minister de Lome had presented his resignation and it had been accepted before the presentation of the matter by Minister Woodford. That the Spanish Ministry, in accepting the resignation of a functionary whose services they had been utilizing and valuing up to that time, leaves it perfectly well established that they do not share, and, rather, on the contrary, disauthorize the criticisms tending to offend or censure the Chief of a friendly State, although such criticisms had been written within the field of friendship and had reached publicity by artful and criminal means.

That this meaning had taken shape in a resolution of the Council of Ministers before Gen. Woodford presented the matter and at a time when the Spanish Government had only vague telegraphic reports concerning the sentiments alluded to. That the Spanish nation, with equal and greater reason, affirms its view and decision after reading the words contained in the letter reflecting upon the President of the United States.

As to the paragraph concerning the desirability of negotiations of commercial relations, if even for effect, and importance of using a representative for the purpose stated in Señor Depuy de Lome's letter, the Government expresses concern that, in the light of its conduct, long after the writing of the letter, and in view of the unanswerable testimony of simultaneous and subsequent facts, any doubt should exist that the Spanish Government has given proof of its real desire and of its innermost convictions with respect to the new commercial system and the projected treaty of commerce.

That the Spanish Government does not now consider it necessary to lay stress upon or to demonstrate anew the truth and sincerity of its purpose and the unstained good faith of its intentions.

That, publicly and solemnly, the Government of Spain contracted before the mother country and its colonies a responsibility for the political and tariff changes which it has inaugurated in both Antilles, the natural ends of which, in domestic and international spheres, it pursues with firmness, which will ever inspire its conduct.

DE LOME'S RECALL GAZETTED.

Senor Bernabe Calls on Minister Woodford in Madrid.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—A decree has been gazetted accepting the resignation of Señor Dupuy de Lome as Minister of Spain at Washington.

The following is the text of the royal decree, which is dated Feb. 10:

"Acceding to the wishes of Señor Dupuy de Lome, in the name of my august son, King Alfonso XII., and as Queen Regent, I accept the resignation he has presented of the post of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, leaving him without employment, with the emoluments due him. MARIA CHRISTINA."

Señor Polo y Bernabe, the Minister designate to the United States, visited United States Minister Woodford to-day.

Señor Gullon, the Foreign Minister, has called President McKinley on behalf of the Government condolences upon the disaster to the Maine.

SENOR BERNABE'S APPOINTMENT.

Washington Notified of His Selection as Senor de Lome's Successor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The following dispatch announcing the appointment of a Minister from Spain was received at the State Department to-day:

Madrid, Feb. 17, 1898.

Secretary Sherman:

Have just received official communication from Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs that the Queen Regent has to-day signed decree appointing Señor Polo de Bernabé Minister from Spain to the United States.

He is son of Admiral Polo, formerly Minister; is Chief of the Commercial Bureau in Spanish State Department; speaks English and is familiar with commercial affairs; was Secretary of Legation at Washington when his father was Minister.

WOODFORD.

BRIBES FOR THE CUBAN JUNTA.

Secretary General Congosto Claims He Has Won Over Several Members to Spain.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Dr. Congosto, the Secretary General of Cuba, is credited with the statement that he has bribed several members of the New York Cuban Junta.

Several letters are said to have been addressed to Mendez Capote, offering him a seat in the Cuban Cabinet and a sum of money besides. These letters are said to have been sent out by several lawyers of Havana.

CUBANS PERHAPS BRIBED.

Capote and Another Leader Expected to Surrender with 400 Men.

HAVANA, Feb. 17, via Key West.—Gen. Pando and the former insurgent General Juan Ramirez have left here for Puerto del Padre, on the northwest coast of Cuba, to await the surrender of the insurgent leader Capote, with 400 men, and the surrender of another leader, with his followers, according to the Spanish story. It is added that this party was about to surrender while Gen. Weyler was Captain General. Gen. Garrich had left the town to meet Capote and the others, it is further stated, but, owing to the "repeated invasions" of Gen. Calixto Garcia and the seizure of Tunas, Gen. Garrich has been unable to carry out his plans, and Gen. Blanco called the interested parties to the palace in December and ordered them to "renew their work."

Continuing, the Spanish report says that on Saturday the Captain General received a cable dispatch from Santiago de Cuba informing him that the "affair was settled."

The Spaniards claim it will be necessary to build a large number of houses to shelter the 800 families who will be thrown upon the Government's hands after the surrender takes place. Gen. Pando is reported to have taken $50,000 with him, and the supposition is that the money is to be used in connection with the surrender.

Finally, the Spaniards say that the insurgent Col. Laurente of Pinar del Rio was about to surrender, and when Gen. Gomez became aware of the fact he formed a council of war, and, it is further stated, Laurente will be shot if his treason is proved.

Dynamite Bombs in Havana.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—The police have found an "Orsini dynamite bomb" at the door of Señor Fernandez de Castro, and other unexploded bombs have been found.

LOSS OF THE FLACHAT.

Women and Children on the French Liner Abandoned to Their Fate —A Rush into the Sea.

TENERIFFE, Canary Islands, Feb. 17.—M. Munoz, the only surviving passenger of the Campagnie Générale Transatlantique Line's steamer Flachat, bound from Marseilles for Colon, that was wrecked at Anaga Point, this island, early yesterday morning during a thick fog, says:

"When the Flachat grounded, her engineers let off steam and thereby prevented the boilers from bursting. The passengers, under charge of the doctor and the second officer, were shut up in the deckhouse under the bridge.

"The Captain ordered the boats out, but the vessel took a heavy list to port, and three of the port boats were carried away by a heavy sea directly they were launched. An attempt was then made to launch the starboard lifeboat, and after working uninterruptedly from 2 until 9 in the morning it succeeded.

"Those on board immediately made a desperate rush. Fifty jumped into the sea in an endeavor to reach the boat, but only sixteen succeeded, and two of these were washed out. The boat was full of water and it was impossible to use the oars. After half an hour the steamer Susu arrived and picked up the fourteen in the boat.

"There were still about forty people on the wreck; but when the Susu returned from Santa Cruz not a soul was to be seen and the sea was washing completely over the wreck. The Captain and officers did their best, but owing to the mountainous seas, it was impossible to attempt to save the women and children. All were obliged to jump for their lives. The Captain was in bed when the vessel struck and the second officer was in charge.

PRIMARIES AND HARMONY.

Resolutions on Both Subjects Passed by the Republican County Committee.

The Republican County Committee, at its meeting last night considered the two leading questions of local politics, a primary election law and the proposition of Levi P. Morton and others that all the party factions should confer and harmonize. In reference to the first question the committee passed resolutions, and in reference to the second it appointed a sub-committee of twelve to confer with Mr. Morton and his friends, and, if possible, with the Committee of Fifty-three.

John Sabine Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Primary Elections, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, The Republican County Committee has, by resolutions heretofore adopted, expressed itself as being in favor of primary reform and the enactment of a thorough and effective law; and

Whereas, Several primary bills were some time since introduced in the Legislature; and

Whereas, We deem it to be for the best interests of the party that such law should be passed and become operative as soon as possible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge upon all Republicans in the Legislature to act with promptness and to pass a fair, liberal, and sufficient law, as they may deem advisable, at the earliest possible day, to the end that it may be immediately operative for reorganization and primaries, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Republican Senator and Member of Assembly.

Mr. Smith said the Hill bill was too complicated, and the Brush bill was not drastic enough. "If we are to have a reform bill," he said, "we want one that will send a man to jail for cheating at a primary election."

President Quigg announced, as the members of the committee for a conference with Mr. Morton and the committee of Fifty-three, George R. Bidwell, Joseph M. Deuel, Abraham Gruber, William H. Ten Eyck, Silas C. Croft, Julius H. Seymour, Frederick S. Gibbs, Alfred R. Page, Cornelius Van Cott, John Sabine Smith, Frank J. Drummond, and Charles H. Murray.

The committee passed a resolution of sympathy for the wounded survivors and the families of the killed in the recent appalling disaster.

TARRYTOWN TAX TROUBLES.

Many Delinquent Owners Pay Up at the Last Moment.

TARRYTOWN, Feb. 17.—Frederick A. Russell, Treasurer of this village, to-day exposed for sale all property on which owners have not paid taxes, it being the date set apart for the annual delinquency sale. A great many wealthy property owners of the village who are incensed at recent tax regulations have steadfastly refused to settle up, but most of them came in at the last moment and squared their accounts to prevent the sale, although their property had been advertised.

One of the first sales was that of the residence of John T. Torrey and twenty-four acres of land surrounding it, and adjoining the Jay Gould estate. The real estate tax delinquency was $6,000, while the personal tax delinquency was $1,000. The village bid it in for fifty years, there being no other bidder.

The Irving Opera House was sold to Leslie R. Dickson. Twenty-two pieces of property were bid in by the village for fifty years. They are redeemable on the payment of back taxes.

THE WEATHER.

The local forecast may be found at the top of this page to the right of the title.

The storm central Wednesday night in Kansas has moved southward, diminishing markedly in intensity, giving heavy rains on the Gulf Coast, Pensacola reporting 3.54 inches and New Orleans 2.78 inches in twelve hours. A second storm has appeared off the North Pacific Coast. Rain or snow has fallen in the lake regions, the Mississippi Valley, and the West Gulf States. It has grown colder from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains, and generally warmer from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Coast. Showers may be expected from the lower lake region southward to the Gulf, clearing weather in the upper lake region and Middle Mississippi Valley, and generally fair elsewhere. It will grow warmer in the Atlantic States, except Florida, and colder in the middle and upper Mississippi Valley and upper lake region.

The record of temperature for the twenty-four hours ended at midnight, taken from THE NEW YORK TIMES'S thermometer and from the thermometer of the Weather Bureau, is as follows:

	—Weather Bureau.—		TIMES.
	1897.	1898.	1898.
3 A. M.	31	14	19
6 A. M.	30	13	18
9 A. M.	33	17	22
12 M.	40	26	30
4 P. M.	46	37	36
6 P. M.	45	33	34
9 P. M.	46	31	32
12 P. M.	44	30	30

THE TIMES'S thermometer is 6 feet above the street level; that of the Weather Bureau is 285 feet above the street level.

Average temperatures yesterday were as follows:

Printing House Square	27½
Weather Bureau	25½
Corresponding date 1897	39½
Corresponding date for last 20 years	33

The maximum temperature yesterday was 37 degrees at 4 P. M.; the minimum was 13 degrees at 6 A. M. The humidity at 8 A. M. was .64 and at 8 P. M. .73.

The Lake Shore Limited.

Afternoon 24-hour train to Chicago, via New York Central-Lake Shore Route. Leaves New York 5:00 P. M. every day, arrives Chicago 4:00 P. M. next day. Most luxurious train in the world.—Adv.

LOSS OF THE MAINE

Nothing Yet Known of the Cause of the Explosion That Destroyed the Ship.

HONORS TO THE DEAD BY THE PEOPLE OF HAVANA.

Survivors Arrive at Key West, and Lieut. Blandin, Who Was in Charge, Makes a Statement.

Our Government Inquiring Closely Into the Circumstances and Waiting for Developments.

No examination of the wreck of the United States battleship Maine has been made, and the cause of the disaster remains a mystery.

The opinions of those who were aboard the ship or near her when the explosion occurred vary widely. The weight of intelligent judgment seems to favor the theory that there was an accident of some kind inside far down in the hull and forward. Eye witnesses say that they saw a great flash of fire leap upward from the deck, carrying masses of metal and wood and the bodies of men with it. The ship is so badly broken up that it may be impossible to learn anything of the direction or cause of the explosion.

Lieut. Blandin, who was on watch aboard the Maine, has given a graphic story of his observations and other eye witnesses have told their experiences. It is evident that the ship sank almost instantly and burned within while resting on the bottom of the harbor.

The dead whose bodies were found, were buried in Havana yesterday. At the suggestion of the Spanish authorities they were given a public funeral, and the population of the city united in honoring their memories.

The injured who could be moved and the survivors who escaped injury arrived in Key West, Fla., on Wednesday night, and are receiving ample care and attention there.

The authorities at Washington have arranged for the burial of the dead and the care of the survivors, for an examination of the wreck, and an investigation into the cause of it. All official action toward Spain regarding the affair is suspended, awaiting the results of the inquiries.

Expressions of sympathy and good will have been received from the English and German Governments. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Emperor of Germany have sent personal messages to our diplomatic representatives. The Spaniards at Madrid and Havana continue to express condolences and sorrow and to offer assistance.

OFFICIALS ACCUSE NOBODY.

Theory of Accident Gains Ground in Washington—Fears that the Disaster Will Cause Desertions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—There was no abatement of interest here to-day in the loss of the Maine, but there was less of theorizing as to the cause of the disaster. Affected no doubt, by the manifestations of sympathy in Havana and in Spain for the victims of the calamity, it was apparent that the inclination to attribute the explosion to accident rather than to hostile design was greater than yesterday, although there are still many naval officers who find it impossible to believe that a ship so well provided, so prudently handled, and under the care of so exacting and experienced a commander as Capt. Sigsbee could have been destroyed through the carelessness of one of her own company.

No Accusation of Treachery.

Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt have been beset by inquirers as to the accuracy of published statements attributed to the department that Capt. Sigsbee had expressed the opinion, in a dispatch to Washington, that the disaster was the result of an act of treachery. Mr. Roosevelt was quoted as having declared that he was convinced that the destruction of the Maine was not an accident. Yet Secretary Long at once positively denied the receipt of any dispatch from Capt. Sigsbee, suggesting treachery, and Mr. Roosevelt promptly said that he had not even seen a reporter of the paper that attributed the declaration to him at any time during Wednesday.

No Examination Yet.

This afternoon a dispatch from Capt. Sigsbee to the department disposed of the unofficial dispatches telling that a hole had been discovered in the wreck by divers, showing that the explosion was external. After giving information about the lost and saved, Capt. Sigsbee added that "diving operations had been prevented by rough weather." As there had been no diving operations, no account of the condition of the wreck could have been obtained. This dispatch was important as restraining those who had read the earlier report from basing conclusions upon it.

The Guncotton Theory.

Chief Engineer Melville's opinion that the disaster was caused by an explosion of guncotton, 800 pounds of which were in the forward magazine for use in the heads of torpedoes, finds may supporters. There has been general suspension of conclusions, however, in the utter absence of light upon which to base opinion. The difficulty of bringing about such complete demolition of a ship in such a short time by the use of a torpedo sent from shore or by a sunken torpedo operated by a submarine wire connected with the shore, is conceived by some naval officers to be so great as to make the theory that the explosion resulted from some such cause unworthy of consideration.

The Cost of the Maine.

As the Maine stood before she was destroyed she represented $5,000,000 expenditure. As delivered to the Government for use, but before being occupied by the officers and crew, she had cost $4,689,000. It may be found possible to recover and rebuild the vessel, but the reports from Key West, from surviving officers, about discouraged this hope this afternoon.

Just now there is little care about the cost of the vessel. The concern felt is for the men who were awakened from their sleep to be drowned like rats in a trap. In the most desperate of fights the carnage could not have been so great, and the danger would have been faced with some chance for escape and an opportunity to fight back. There are some naval officers who fear that the corroboration of the accident theory will make it difficult, with the severest discipline, to prevent many desertions while the disaster is fresh in the minds of the people.

HONORS TO DEAD SAILORS.

All Havana Shows Respect and Sorrow—The Wounded Being Well Cared For.

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—Captain General Blanco has sent the Spanish Chargé d'Affaires at Washington a cable message on behalf of the Colonial Government requesting him to tender to President McKinley the condolence of the Cabinet, and requesting him moreover to "tender our profound sympathy to the American Government and assurances of how deeply we regret that this port should be the witness of such a tremendous accident to the American Navy."

At the hospitals of San Ambrosio and the Alfonso XII. yesterday and again to-day Miss Clara Barton and Mr. John Elwell of the Red Cross Society were hard at work. The scene was heart-breaking, and the dressing of the wounds of the victims was a horrible spectacle. Some of them, however, are already much better, and they are carefully attended by Dr. Bernardo Maas, whose treatment is kindness itself.

Elaborate preparations were made for the interment of the dead. Twenty-five bodies were taken to the City Hall, where they rested in coffins covered with beautiful crowns of silk ribbons, with appropriate inscriptions. The crown from the City Council bears the inscription, "The people of Havana to the victims of the Maine." There is a handsome crown of silk ribbons in the Spanish national colors with the inscription, "The Navy Department at Havana to the victims of the Maine."

Among other tokens is one from Mr. Lawton Childs, with the inscription, "To our brave dead sailors"; a flower cross from The New York Morning Journal, an emblem from the Havana Yacht Club, and floral or other tributes from M. Carranza, Señora Emilia Maas, Lucia Lacoste, Mrs. T. Gonzales, Miss Catalina Cassa, and Charles and George Barnet. There is a crown from the firm of Salmon Brothers with the inscription, "To the victims of the Maine."

Miss Clara Barton has been given carte blanche to buy any and everything necessary for the wounded—food, clothing, and delicacies—and to hire nurses and physicians.

The interment took place this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Shortly before the hour all Havana was in movement. The flags on the public buildings were at half-mast, and many of the houses were draped in mourning. All classes were represented in the throngs that filled the streets along which the funeral procession passed to the cemetery.

The order of the procession was as follows: The Municipal Guards on horseback, in full uniform; the city fire brigade, the municipal employes, the Aldermen in seven splendidly decorated firemen's cars, special cars bearing the remains, nine bodies being carried on a splendidly decorated car, the clergy, deputations consisting of the chief officers of the army, the navy and the volunteers, representatives of various official bureaus, and of the Custom House, a committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, a delegation representing the grocers, the Council of Administration, representatives of the Treasury, the press, and various political organizations; then the chief officers of the Maine, the representatives of foreign Governments, the city Magistrates with their mace bearers, provincial deputies, employes of the general and local autonomic Governments, the municipal mace bearers.

Then came Gen. Parrado, with four aides de camp, representing Capt. Gen. Blanco, (whose personal presence was not allowable under the law,) having on his right United States Consul General Lee and on his left the Mayor of Havana, the Marquis Larrinaga, Admiral Manterola, Gen. Solano, and other officers, two companies of marines and infantry. The funeral music was furnished by the bands of the Ysabel la Catolica and Puerto Rico Battalions, which accompanied the bodies.

SENATE TAKES NO ACTION.

Senator Allen's Resolution Calling for an Investigation by Naval Affairs Committee Goes Over.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—In the Senate to-day the following resolution was introduced by Mr. Allen, (Pop., Neb.:)

"Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be directed to make an immediate and thorough investigation into the cause of the disaster to the battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana on the 15th inst., and report to the Senate."

Mr. Hale, (Rep., Maine,) Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, said he had no objection to the reference of the resolution to his committee, but he did not deem it desirable for the committee now to proceed with an investigation of the melancholy affair in Havana harbor. The executive department of the Government was even now engaged in making an investigation of the disaster. The Secretary of the Navy was engaged in the work and was employing all the means in his power to ascertain the truth.

If the matter were taken up by the Naval Affairs Committee, Mr. Hale said, the best the committe could do would be to act through the Navy Department. He was satisfied that as soon as the Secretary of the Navy obtained definite information concerning the explosion and its details he would communicate the facts to Congress.

Mr. Allen objected to having the resolution sent to the Committee on Naval Affairs. "We," he said, "who are not members of the Naval Affairs Committee or of the Foreign Relations Committee cannot get information from the department about these things. We are shut out as completely as if we were private citizens. I think I ought to get my information through the Committee on Naval Affairs of this Senate. I do not care to debate this matter or to indulge in any extended discussion of it. What I want is action by the committee that will give us information."

Mr. Chandler (Rep., N. H.,) objected to the resolution, and it went over until to-morrow.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS.

Blind Chaplain of the Senate Delivers a Touching Invocation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—At the opening of the Senate to-day, the blind chaplain delivered a touching invocation with reference to the awful disaster to the Maine as follows:

"O Lord God! with our whole people we stand before Thee deeply moved by the appalling calamity in the Harbor of Havana. And we humbly pray that Thou will grant to the relatives and friends of the officers and men whose lives have been sacrificed that pity, consolation, and support which Thou alone canst bestow.

"We beseech Thee to give Thy comfort and cheer to the brave and noble men who are now suffering from their wounds and hurts. Give them the sense that the Nation loves and honors them, and so impart to all the survivors that cheer which goes with the Nation's regard for our navy, and with its regard and admiration for their quiet, steady, and brave demeanor. Likewise we commend to Thy Fatherly pity the family of the brave young officer, who, in the performance of his duty, was swept into the Gulf of Death. Let Thy loving kindness come to his father and mother and his group of brothers and sisters.

"O Lord God! show Thy regard and love unto us all in these days of sorrow and pain. And may we find in the religion of our blessed Lord and Saviour—in the faith and hope and love which we gain from it alone—the upholding and comfort only to be found there on earth."

WEYLER LAYS IT TO THE CREW.

BARCELONA, Feb. 17.—Lieut. Gen. Valeriano Weyler, who arrived here to-day, expressed the opinion, in the course of an interview, that the disaster which had befallen the United States warship Maine in Havana Harbor was "due to the indolence of her crew."

He announced his intention to ask the Government's permission to go to Havana and stand as a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies for the Havana district.

LIEUT. BLANDIN'S STORY

The Officer Who Was on Watch on the Maine Makes a Statement.

A ROAR CAME FROM BENEATH

Followed by Other Explosions and a Rain of Debris—The Ship Settled Fast, but Everybody Was Cool and Steady.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 17.—Lieut. John J. Blandin of Baltimore, one of the Maine's survivors, who is at the Key West Hotel, gave this evening a succinct account of the disaster, saying that not until now has he been able to recollect the sequence of events in the awful ten minutes following the explosion Tuesday evening.

Lieut. Blandin was on the Trenton at the time of the terrible disaster off Samoa in March, 1889, when American and German vessels lost 244 men all told.

Lieut. Blandin says: "I was on watch, and when the men had been piped below I looked down the main hatches and over the side of the ship. Everything was absolutely normal. I walked aft to the quarter deck, behind the rear turret, as is allowed after 8 o'clock in the evening, and sat down on the port side, where I remained for a few minutes. Then, for some reason I cannot explain to myself now, I moved to the starboard side and sat down there. I was feeling a bit glum, and, in fact, was so quiet that Lieut. J. Hood came up and asked laughingly if I was asleep. I said 'No; I am on watch.'

Explosions Followed a Roar.

"Scarcely had I spoken when there came a dull, sullen roar. Would to God that I could blot out the sound and the scenes that followed. Then came a sharp explosion; some say numerous detonations. I remember only one. It seemed to me that the sound came from the port side forward. Then came a perfect rain of missiles of all descriptions, from huge pieces of cement to blocks of wood, steel railings, fragments of gratings, and all the débris that would be detachable in an explosion.

"I was struck on the head by a piece of cement and knocked down; but I was not hurt, and got to my feet in a moment. Lieut. Hood had run to the poop; and I supposed, as I followed, he was dazed by the shock and about to jump overboard. I hailed him, and he answered that he had run to the poop to help lower the boats.

The Ship Sank Quickly.

"When I got there, though scarcely a minute could have elapsed, I had to wade in water to my knees, and almost instantly the quarter deck was awash. On the poop I

the portholes and saw an immense flash shoot up in the air with a terrific report. Débris of all kinds and a large number of bodies were thrown upward. It was at first believed that the Maine was being fired upon, but afterward, as the City of Washington was struck by what turned out to be falling débris, and she careened under the blows, it was thought she was being fired upon. A second explosion took place, and, following it, we heard groans and cries of 'Help!' 'Help us!' The boats of the City of Washington and those of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII. were hurriedly launched and went to the rescue. I went in one of the boats of the City of Washington, and the scenes I witnessed were heart-rending beyond description.

"Two of the small boats on board the City of Washington were stove in by débris from the Maine, which sank even with the water in about three minutes after the explosion.

"The City of Washington was converted into a hospital. Many of the rescued men were brought on board almost nude, and the passengers gave them clothing, &c. The officers of the City of Washington did all in their power to make the rescued men comfortable.

"About half an hour after the explosion Consul General Lee, the Civil Governor of Havana, and Capt. Gen. Blanco's Chief of Staff came on board. Gen. Lee remained with us all night.

"The affair caused the utmost excitement in Havana. Seven bodies were picked up in the harbor yesterday and were identified, though horribly mangled. The explosion occurred forward of the midships section of the Maine."

MAKES CONGRESS LIBERAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The disaster to the Maine has aroused a feeling among members of the House in favor of extreme liberality in appropriations for the naval and military establishments, the practical result of which is likely to be the acceptance by the House, with little contest of the Senate amendment, increasing the appropriation for fortifications about $4,000,000, the authorization in the Naval Appropriation bill of two battleships instead of one, and possibly the authorization of the entire dry dock scheme recommended by the dry dock board appointed by the Secretary of the Navy.

The recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy was for only one addition to the navy this year, a first-class battleship, but the loss of the Maine makes it likely that appropriations for two ships will be reported by the Naval Committee. The subject has not yet been considered by the Naval Committee, but most of the individual members of the committee yesterday and to-day expressed themselves as in favor of building a ship to replace the Maine, and also of authorizing the ship recommended by the Secretary of the Navy.

MAINE WILL BE RAISED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Notwithstanding discouraging reports from Lieut. Hood regarding the condition of the Maine, the Navy Department will make an effort to raise her. It is claimed that removal of the hull from the small harbor is necessary in any case, and it may be easier to raise her than it would be to destroy the hull and machinery by the use of divers and dynamite. It is believed that this work can best be done by private wrecking corporations, and negotiations are already afoot for placing the contract, based on work by the day, at an estimated cost of $200,000.

Capt. Sigsbee has suggested to the Navy Department, through the commander at Key West, that it would be well to detail a lighthouse tender or some such small craft to watch over the wreck of the Maine. The department has acted upon the suggestion, and has authorized one of the vessels now at Havana to be used for the purpose.

SAILOR WROTE OF TORPEDOES.

BAY CITY, Mich., Feb. 17.—A letter was received here to-day by Mrs. James S. Meilstrup from her son, Elmer, a seaman on the battleship Maine, dated Feb. 11, in which he writes:

"The Spaniards have a couple of gunboats and a cruiser, and there are two German gunboats. The guns of Morro Castle are pointed at us as I write. The whole bottom of the harbor is covered with torpedoes, so that if they did not want to let us out, we would not be able to go very well.

"We are lying between the Spanish and German men-of-war, and they have picket boats out all night watching us."

ARRANGING WITH DIVERS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A number of telegrams have been received at the Navy Department from persons engaging in the diving business offering their services in the effort to recover the valuables that are in the sunken ship and to assist in ascertaining the causes which led to the explosion. Secretary Long, however, already has taken the initiative in the matter, and in correspondence with several wrecking companies inviting propositions from them to undertake the work.

In response to telegrams sent by him offers have been received from the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking and Derrick Company of New York, the Luckenbach Wrecking Company of New York, and one from the Boston Towboat Company to do the work, but containing no specific propositions as to rates. Replies from other companies are looked for as soon as more definite information is at hands as to just what amount of work is to be done, and the probable time which will be consumed in executing it. It is not likely, however, that any of the offers will be accepted until some word is received from Admiral Sicard transmitting the report of the Board of Inquiry, which he has appointed to determine the exact situation respecting the possibility of saving any portion of the vessel.

THE MAINE'S COAL SUPPLY.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—The anthracite coal here for the supply of the United States warships is being overhauled, in a search for infernal machines. It is pointed out, however, that the Maine took her coal on board here a week ago, and that it is not likely that the mechanism of any infernal instrument would delay action so long.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Maine took on 280 tons of this coal in December, and in January, before she left for Havana, she loaded up with 271 tons more. This coal at Key West is kept behind a picket fence, very much exposed to any evil-minded person who might desire to conceal a bomb therein, something which could only be effected with great difficulty after the coal was stored in the bunkers.

In spite of the British reflections upon the discipline on American warships, the officers here do not hesitate to say that in the matter of careful inspection of the coal bunkers, the magazines, and the like, our navy is second to none in the world. But these obscure fires arising from spontaneous combustion are very difficult of detection.

Such fires have been known to smolder undiscovered in piles of coal at the Washington Navy Yard for many days before breaking out, and this, too, notwithstanding the fact that the piles are visited almost daily.

Aboard ship, the taking of the temperature of the magazines daily is one of the precautions to guard aginst such fires. In the case of the Maine this observation was usually taken at 9 o'clock in the morning. The temperature on Tuesday was reported at 59. Yet it was entirely possible for a bunker fire to have developed sufficient heat during the twelve hours that elapsed before the explosion to have ignited the ammunition.

While the brown powder used for the 10-inch guns is difficult to ignite without a detonator, still the application of heat in excess of 600 degrees for some time will cause the explosion which the application of a match would fail to bring about.

In the opinion of Capt. Bradford, neither of the coals used by our navy is particularly subject to spontaneous combustion. Since the Maine has been in the Gulf of Mexico, however, she probably has consumed a good part of this coal and has replenished her stock from the naval store at the Key West station.

The coal taken there was anthracite, which Capt. Bradford says is no more subject to spontaneous combustion than a pile of stones.

Some Remarkable Escapes.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—There were some curious escapes from death when the Maine blew up. Three men were doing punishment watch on the port quarterdeck. They all escaped unhurt.

One man was sleeping in a yawl hanging from the davits. The boat was blown to pieces. The man was thrown into the water and was rescued unhurt, but some time elapsed before he could be convinced that the whole matter was not a dream.

SYMPATHY FROM ABROAD

Rulers and Representatives of the Nations Express Sorrow for the Calamity on the Maine.

MANY MESSAGES COME IN

Queen Victoria, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Emperor of Germany Send Personal Notes to Our Government.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have sent the following message to the United States Embassy:

"The Prince and Princess of Wales request the Chargé d'Affaires to convey to the President and to the Secretary of the Navy the expression of their horror at the terrible accident which has happened to the Maine and their profound sympathy with them and with the whole American Nation at the occurrence."

The United States Embassy has also received from Bagshot a telegram from the Duke of Connaught saying: "Pray accept my most sincere sympathy for the terrible accident which has happened to the Maine. I deeply deplore the loss which has occurred to your navy and country."

Mr. Henry White, Secretary of the Embassy, replied this morning: "I beg to express to your Royal Highness most cordial thanks for the telegram of sympathy of your Royal Highness with my country in the loss of the Maine under such appalling circumstances. I at once cabled your message to my Government. The Ambassador is in Egypt."

Sympathy from All Sides.

As the details of the loss of the Maine are published there are renewed marks of sympathy, not only in the newspapers, but on all sides. Many of the diplomats, including the Spanish Ambassador, have called at the United States Embassy, and the First Lord of the British Admiralty, the Hon. George J. Goschen, has requested Mr. Henry White, the Secretary of the United States Embassy, in the absence of United States Ambassador Col. John Hay in Egypt, to express the Admiralty's and his own personal sympathy to the United States Government and to the United States Navy. The provincial morning newspapers make comment similar in tone to those of the London morning papers, while the London afternoon papers again devote much space to the disaster. The Pall Mall Gazette, alluding to the bravery of the American officers, says:

"Capt. Sigsbee, for one, behaved with a splendid contempt of danger worthy of the best traditions of the American or any navy."

Treachery Idea Discussed.

Based chiefly on two special telegrams appearing this morning in The Daily Chronicle and The Morning Post, there is much discussion of the treachery theory to-day. A dispatch to The Chronicle from Washington said that Mr. Roosevelt and other bureau chiefs, as well as Congress, are absolutely certain that treachery was the cause of the disaster, while a dispatch to The Morning Post from New York says President McKinley has long been suspicious of some atrocious foul play, and is reported to have confidential reports in his possession which, if published, would cause immediate war.

The St. James Gazette says the conduct of President McKinley in the de Lome incident shows he is not seeking a quarrel and is unwilling to allow his hand to be forced by the firebrands of the Senate."

Continuing, The Gazette remarks:

"Yet a President of the United States, though very powerful, may be driven on against his will."

Other newspapers comment on the disaster on the same lines.

Inquiry in Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The First Lord of the Admiralty, the Right Hon. George J. Goschen, in the House of Commons to-day, replying to Mr. John Dillon, Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, said he had no information to impart to the House relative to the disaster to the United States battleship Maine; but, Mr. Goschen added, he had taken the opportunity of sending to the Navy Department at Washington an expression of the deep sympathy felt by the British Admiralty with the loss sustained. The announcement was greeted with cheers.

Emperor William's Message.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Immediately after the news of the disaster to the Maine was communicated to Emperor William, he cabled direct to President McKinley, expressing his most heartfelt sympathy at the loss of the Maine and so many brave officers and men.

The German Ambassador at Washington was also instructed to convey to President McKinley his Majesty's sincere condolence.

At the Subscription Ball, yesterday evening, Emperor William expressed to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Andrew D. White, "my sincere regrets and sympathy at the loss of the Maine, and I hope that it will not be so bad as the first news indicates."

Admiral Knorr, the Commander in Chief of the German Navy, called to-day at the United States Embassy and expressed the German Navy's sympathy. Admiral von Tirpitz, the Secretary of the Navy, sent an officer on the same errand.

Direct from the Queen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A number of messages have been received at the State Department from foreign Governments, expressing regret in connection with the Maine disaster. Among them are the following:

"Secretary of State: I have the honor to inform you that I am commanded by the Queen to convey to the President the expression of her Majesty's sympathy with the American people on the occasion of the sad disaster which has befallen their navy by the loss of the battleship Maine and of so many members of her crew. I request that you will be good enough to transmit the above message to its high destination.

"I have the honor to be,
"With the highest consideration, Sir,
"Your most obedient, humble servant,
"JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE."

"Santiago de Cuba, Feb. 17, 1898.

"Day, Washington:

"Archbishop Saens expresses sympathy for Maine disaster. HYATT."

A message of condolence from the Republic of Haiti was also received.

The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Turkey conveyed to the Secretary of State the deepest regrets of the Ottoman Government "on account of the deplorable accident which has befallen the Maine."

The following was received from Mr. Porter, our Ambassador at Paris:

"President Faure asked a personal interview, in which he requested me to express his warmest sympathy and profound sense of condolence to President McKinley regarding the appalling catastrophe to the Maine, and to convey an assurance that the French people, especially the French Navy, are deeply touched by the death of the gallant officers and men who lost their lives at their post of duty. PORTER."

New York Spaniards.

A message from New York was as follows:

"New York, Feb. 17.

"Secretary of State:

"Undersigned committee of Spanish residents of New York respectfully tender sincere expression of heartfelt sympathy and regret for dreadful disaster to Maine, with appalling loss of life.

"For the committee, José F. Navarro, Chairman; Antonio Cuyas, Secretary; Arturo Cuyas, C. Viadero, E. M. Castillo."

Secretary Long received the following from the Russian Minister of Marine at St. Petersburg:

"I have just received the news of Maine's terrible disaster. I beg you to accept my own and the Russian Navy's sincere sympathies and condolence.

"VICE ADMIRAL P. TYRTOW,
"Minister of Marine."

Secretary Long received the following:

"I regret with all my soul the horrible catastrophe to the Maine, and send my condolence for the victims and their families. Spanish Navy is in mourning for the American Navy. SOBRAL,
"Naval Attaché, Spanish Legation."

CABINET MEETING AT MADRID.

Queen Regent Expresses Sorrow, and Minister Woodford Receives Many Messages of Sympathy.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—The Queen Regent presided to-day at a Cabinet meeting. The subject chiefly discussed was the loss of the battleship Maine. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Señor Gullon, read a dispatch on the subject from Washington. The Queen Regent expressed sorrow at the catastrophe, and was pleased at the friendly conduct of the officers and crew of the Alfonso XII., as well as of the Spanish authorities at Havana.

There is much comment here at the alleged dispatch of a United States torpedo flotilla to Havana from Key West.

The disaster to the Maine is sincerely lamented by the press and public here, and especially by the Spanish officials, whose regret is mingled with apprehensions lest the accident augment American hostility.

Gen. Woodford, the United States Minister, is receiving private as well as official expressions of sympathy, and the Government is confident that "the able policy of President McKinley and the good sense of the majority of Americans will maintain peace."

A Spanish Minister, who declines to have his name used, said to-day:

"All the official dispatches agree that the loss of the Maine was due to an accident. We keenly regret the jingo elements which, with palpable bad faith, are endeavoring to make capital out of the catastrophe."

The United States Minister, Gen. Woodford, accompanied by his Secretary and the Naval Attaché of the United States, Lieut. G. L. Dyer, called at the Admiralty to-day in order to thank the Government for the proofs of consideration it has given and for the assistance of the Spaniards of Havana in saving the survivors of the Maine.

SPAIN'S DAY OF COMPASSION.

To-morrow, Says El Liberal, It Will Return to Defend Its Rights.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—El Liberal to-day, referring to the loss of the Maine, says:

"Such a catastrophe to humanity claims indefeasible rights and the rancors of politics are silenced. Every great calamity brings home to the two peoples, divided though they be by animosity and rivalry, that they belong to one and the same family. Our noble-hearted nation, seeing the victims of the Maine, forbears to think of its differences with the United States. To-morrow it will return to the defense of its rights against all. But for to-day it feels only sincere and loyal compassion for the immense misfortune. Happy, indeed, were the Spaniards who, by saving the lives of the crew of the Maine or risking their own, were thus enabled to prove the sentiments of all Spaniards and the traditions of Spain."

In conclusion El Liberal remarks:

"We do not know what may happen to-morrow. We are prepared for any event. But to-day let us pass the sword which we have been forced to keep drawn to the left hand and let us stretch out the right hand, not to those who insult us, but to those who weep."

The Imparcial says:

"In the presence of this frightful disaster we may associate with our expressions of sincere and genuine sorrow warm eulogy for the crew of the Alfonso XII."

THE BOILERS OF THE MAINE.

One Set Used for All Purposes at Sea and in Port.

The boiler of the Maine used in generating steam for use in operating the dynamos, steam winches, ventilators, electric lights, and other auxiliary machinery was one of the set of six in the boiler space, and used for propelling the vessel.

It is customary for the vessels of the United States Navy, when they are in port, to use but one boiler, with a low steam pressure, to do the required work. It is disconnected from the others, which are usually overhauled and made ready to be used as soon as required. The boilers of the Maine, since she has been in Havana, have been used alternately for the purpose of supplying the steam required. They are situated in the bottom of the ship, just forward of amidships, next to the double bottoms. They are inclosed in water-tight compartments and separated from the engine room by athwartship bulkheads and from the magazine by coal bunkers and storage space of about eighteen feet. They are so arranged that they can be used separately or as a whole. Each boiler is fitted with safety valves and connections with the auxiliary engines. There are no other boilers on the ship

TORPEDO THEORY SCOUTED.

Maine Survivors and Officials at Washington Both Say It Is Absurd.

KEY WEST, Feb. 17.—The story that a torpedo may have been concealed in the coal furnished to the Maine is scouted here, but an inspection of fuel coal for the warships will be made hereafter.

In this connection it is advisable to discount the stories in circulation at Havana and here regarding the Maine having been blown up by a torpedo placed under the ship. The Maine reached Havana unannounced, and, therefore, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to have placed a torpedo underneath the spot where she was moored.

A Lieutenant of the Maine, whose name is withheld at his request, was questioned to-day regarding the dispatch from Havana saying that a diver had discovered a hole apparently made by a torpedo in the hull of the Maine. He said:

"Why not make the hole 800 feet or 8,000 feet—one story is as likely as the other?"

In short, the cause of the explosion is completely shrouded in mystery and the demolition of the battleship is so complete that it is probable that the secret of the disaster will never be known.

A number of the officers and men who were aboard the Maine at the time of the explosion have been talked with here, and it is the universal opinion of all of them that the explosion was due to some interior cause, and not the result of the explosion of a torpedo on the outside.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Navy Department absolutely discredits the story coming from Key West that divers have found an eight-inch percussion hole in the bottom of the Maine.

Secretary Long says that there is no such thing as a percussion hole; that there is no eight-inch torpedo, and there is no other way in which such a hole could be accounted for.

SAN FRANCISCO EXCITED.

Officers at Mare Island Distrust the Torpedo Idea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 17.—The crowds around the newspaper officers here have been dense all day and to-night, reading the bulletins of the Maine disaster. The feeling is such that should war be declared California is ready to help by every means. Members of the Loyal Legion will offer their services in case they are needed.

Officers of the Mare Island Yard are reticent, although the consensus of opinion is against the idea that the ship was destroyed by a torpedo. Some think the explosion was caused by the heating of powder in the magazine under the hot weather of Havana or by proximity to auxiliary boilers.

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INTEREST IN THE VIZCAYA

No Instructions to Head Her Off Received by the Spanish Consul General.

WILL SEND A TUG TO MEET HER

But It Will Only Carry Ordinary Mail for Her Officers and Crew—Notification Sent to the Authorities.

Great interest was manifested throughout the city yesterday in the expected arrival of the Spanish warship Vizcaya. Regarding the report that the Spanish Consul General had received instructions to send out a tug to head the Vizcaya off and send her elsewhere, the Consul General said:

"The only element of truth in that report is that a tug will meet the Vizcaya. It has been the custom of the Consulate ever since it has been established to meet our war vessels that drop in here with mail for the officers and crew. I know of no reason why the Vizcaya should not come here. In common with others who have a spark of humanity in them, I feel deeply for those bereaved by the awful catastrophe in the harbor of Havana. I do not forget the kindness and sympathy of the American Nation at the time of our loss of the Reina Regente.

"I have positively received no instructions to head off the Vizcaya, as the dispatch would seem to indicate.

"Here is a man," continued Señor Baldasano, pointing to Henry Serruris, who stood by his side, "who has carried dispatches from this office to Spanish war vessels in this harbor for the last forty years. The only things he will carry to the Vizcaya when she arrives will be this bag," holding in view a portmanteau, "filled with letters from the sweethearts, sisters, and wives of the officers and crew of the Vizcaya. I fear that the officers will not attend the reception to be given by Mr. Villard at Delmonico's to-morrow night."

Then the Consul General asked: "Why should not the Vizcaya come here?" and when it was suggested that the disturbed state of public feeling might be deemed a reason by the Spanish authorities, Señor Baldasena said:

"That is the very best reason why she should come here. We want to allay public feeling, and to show the American people that we sympathize with them in their grief."

Commander T. G. Sobral, Naval Attaché to the Spanish Legation in Washington, who was at the Consulate, also denied having received any instructions to head off the Vizcaya. He would be the first to know it, he said. In proof of the sympathy of Spaniards in the naval service for the men of the Maine he showed a copy of a dispatch which he sent to Secretary Long, reading as follows:

"I regret with all my soul the horrible catastrophe to the Maine, and I send my condolence for the victims and their families. Spanish Navy is in mourning for American Navy."

The Vizcaya, Commander Sobral said, left Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, on Feb. 6, and should be here now if all went well.

The Consul General said that he had sent special messages to Admiral Bunce at the Navy Yard, Gen. Wesley Merritt on Governors Island, and to Mayor Van Wyck at the City Hall regarding the visit of the Spanish warship to arrange for the interchange of official visits.

The Consul General also sent to Admiral Bunce a note conveying his profound regrets and sympathy to the Government, the navy, and the friends and relatives of the victims of the Maine disaster.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—The Premier, Señor Sagasta, has had an important conference with the Minister of Marine, Rear Admiral Bermejo, on the subject of the voyage of the Vizcaya to the United States, and the Government has cabled instructions to the commander of the warship, leaving it to his discretion when to quit New York.

A FORMIDABLE VESSEL.

Description of the Spanish Warship Which Is Now Due Here.

The Vizcaya is in command of Capt. Antonio Eulate. She is an armored cruiser, but might be rated as a second-class battleship. She has a displacement of 7,000 tons, is 340 feet long, 65 feet beam, and has a draught of 21 feet 6 inches. Her hull is built of mild steel, and she is well subdivided by double bottom and bulkheads. Her armor belt is 12 inches thick for 4 feet below the water line and 18 inches above. Her barbette turrets, each containing an eleven-inch breech-loading rifle, are of compound armor 10½ inches thick. The conning tower, containing compasses, telegraphs, and voice tubes, is protected by twelve-inch steel-faced armor. She has a protective steel deck from end to end, 2 inches thick on the flat and 4 inches thick on the slopes.

Besides her two big turret Hontoria guns, she has ten broadside 5.5-inch Hontoria guns, eight 2.2-inch rapid-fire, and eight 1.4-inch rapid-fire guns. The broadside guns forward and aft on either side are placed in sponsons, giving them a fore-and-aft range. She has eight fixed torpedo tubes for launching fish torpedos, six being above the water line and two below.

The side armor fines down to a point at stern and bow, the bow having the regulation ram Her stern tapers to a point. She has two funnels and two signal masts, each fitted with a fighting top.

Her engines are triple expansion working twin-screws. Under forced draught she developes 13,000 horse-power and under a natural draught 9,000, with which she was designed to make, respectively, twenty knots and eighteen knots an hour. She has made a speed in excess of twenty knots, however, and is credited with twenty-one knots. She has complete pumping and ventilating equipment, and is lighted with 460 incandescent electric lamps. She has also three searchlights, each of 20,000 candle power.

She was built by Sir Charles Palmer's Anglo-Spanish Company at Bilboa, in 1891, and cost $3,000,000.

THE WHOLE CITY MOURNS.

Flags at Half Mast Everywhere—No News Is Received at the Cuban Headquarters.

Evidences of mourning for the Maine's dead abounded in the city yesterday. Flags at half-mast were seen on every hand. They were thus displayed on all Government and municipal buildings, including the Post Office, Custom House, Barge Office, Sub-Treasury, Army Building, Public Stores, and City Hall. Flags were half-masted all along the water front, and in Broadway and all the other principal thoroughfares were similar manifestations.

The Maine disaster seemed to be the only subject discussed anywhere, and the streets throughout the day were noisy with the cries of the newsboys, whose "extras" were quickly disposed of.

At the office of the Merritt Wrecking Company it was said that no arrangements had yet been made with the Government, but that they were in communication with the authorities and ready to undertake any work called for on the sunken battleship Maine.

It was said at the office of the Ward Line that no news had been received from their Havana representatives saving the announcement that the City of Washington had sailed for Tampico, and that the Seguranca would sail from Havana last night for New York, being due here next Monday night.

No advices were received by the Cuban Junta, and the Cubans were as dependent as the general public on newspaper reports. Without hearing any clear statement of opinions, one gleaned that the consensus of opinion at the Junta's headquarters was that the explosion that sent the Maine to the bottom was not an accident, nor, on the other hand, the work of any official plot, but that the preparations for possible hostilities on the part of the Spaniards had provided the facilities, and that some crank had found an opportunity to accomplish the deed that sunk the Maine. In connection with this stress was laid upon the fact that the defenses of the harbor of Havana include extensive mines and many torpedoes.

No one was found among the Cubans who thought that the first cause of the explosion had been within the vessel. The suggestion was also made that any Government investigation must be pushed, lest another explosion should remove all evidence.

AWAITING NEWS AT THE NAVY YARD

Officers Talk Guardedly—Admiral Bunce Expected To-day.

Orders were rebeived at the Brooklyn Navy Yard yesterday, from the department at Washington, to have the flags on all vessels and buildings placed at half-mast out of respect for the memory of the men who met death on the battleship Maine. Admiral Bunce did not return from Washington, and Capt. G. W. Sumner, Captain of the yard, remained in charge. As on Wednesday, a large number of persons visited the headquarters to learn something of the fate of their relatives and friends who were supposed to have been on board of the battleship. They were sent away disappointed, as no official list of the dead or injured had been received. Many telegrams of inquiry were received.

The main topic of conversation among the officers was naturally the cause of the disaster, and all the officers waited anxiously for definite news on this point. Nearly all refused to discuss the matter for publication, but some were willing to talk about it provided their names were not mentioned. Out of the fifteen officers seen only a few were of the opinion that the disaster was caused by an explosion on the vessel. The theory that the explosion was caused by defective torpedo heads loaded with gun cotton was scouted. It was asserted that it would have been impossible for the disaster to happen in that way.

"Gun cotton, as it is used in the navy," said Lieut. Commander Albert B. Speyser, "is safer than any other explosive. It would be impossible for any accident from it to occur. The higher explosives are kept aft near the Captain's quarters. From what happened, although we have no official report, it looks as if the ship was sunk by an explosive force from the outside."

Admiral Bunce is expected home to-day, and it is thought that he will bring some news concerning the reports on the disaster.

TOUCHING SCENE IN COURT.

An Old Man Excused from Jury Duty Because His Son Had "Gone Down on the Maine."

There was a new panel of jurors yesterday for the trial of William J. Koerner, charged with the murder of Miss Rose Alice Redgate, which began last Monday before Recorder Goff, in the General Sessions Court. When the new talesmen were brought into court the usual request was made for any among them who had lawful excuses why they should not serve to come forward and state them. Among those who stepped to the bar in response to this announcement was Samuel Lees, a gray-bearded old man who seemed to be suffering from mental anguish. Everybody in the courtroom noticed his condition. His face was white, and his hands shook nervously. He was called to the witness chair and sat down. He was asked what excuse he had to give why he should not serve as a juror.

He was silent for a moment, and drew a hand across his forehead. Then in a voice that quavered with emotion, he said: "Your Honor, I am not feeling well. I don't think I could go upon the jury."

"I have noticed that you seem to be ill," said the Recorder. "What's the trouble?"

The old man's lips quivered, and tears came to his eyes. For a moment there was no reply.

"Can't you state what the trouble is?" asked the Recorder, in a kindly tone.

"Your Honor," said the talesman, "I am heart-broken. My boy went down on the Maine."

The Recorder, after expressing sympathy for him, excused him.

Mr. Lees lives at 7 West One Hundred and Sixteenth Street, and is a printer at 90 Gold Street. His son, Samuel Lees, Jr., was twenty-one years old. He was a strapping young fellow, 6 feet 1 inch in height. He enlisted in the navy three years ago, and when the Maine was placed in commission he was assigned to that ship. It is not known positively whether he was among the dead, but his relatives, having received no definite information about him, have given him up for lost.

PROTECTION FOR THE VIZCAYA.

A Navy Yard Officer Asks for Police to Guard Her.

Lieut. Sharp, United States Army, and an Ensign, accompanied by a dark, well-dressed stranger, evidently a Spaniard, called at Police Headquarters last night and asked for the officer in charge. Lieut. Sharp presented a letter from Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, showing his attachment to the navy, and said he had a request to make of the police.

The only superior officer in the building at the time was Capt. Vredenburg of the Oak Street Station, assigned last night temporarily to the Headquarters. When he appeared Lieut. Sharp said he had been sent by the Admiral in command of the Brooklyn Navy Yard to ask for police protection for the visiting Spanish cruiser, Vizcaya.

He asked that the police boat Patrol be detailed specially to watch about the vessel, and that policemen be stationed on shore at the point nearest the visitor and from which any evil-disposed person might embark. Capt. Vredenburg said he had no authority to act on the request, but promised to submit it this morning to Chief McCullagh. The party then left, going to Jersey City, presumably to make a similar request of the police at that point.

Enough was learned from the conversation to show that the navy yard will furnish two tugs and a guard of marines on each to constantly cruise about the Vizcaya during her stay in port. It is thought a number of marines will also do land duty in the same connection.

NO WAR, SAYS L. E. QUIGG.

He Does Not Believe the Maine Disaster Was an Accident, However.

Lemuel E. Quigg, who is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, was in the city last night. He said that he did not regard war as a probable outcome of the Maine disaster.

"Nobody in Congress," said he, "so far as I know, thinks that the Spanish Government should be held responsible for the act of a madman or of a Guiteau. No member that I know thinks that the disaster was due to accident or carelessness. But none of them thinks the Spanish Government had anything to do with it."

As to how the disaster could have occurred, he said: "I think that the powerful explosive used in blowing up the Maine could have been obtained only from two sources—from the magazine stores of the ship itself, or from the Spanish military stores in Havana. I cannot attribute such a disaster to accident. That would be nearly impossible. There are more reasonable causes to which the calamity may be ascribed.

"There will be no war, however," said Mr. Quigg. "There is no reason why the United States should get into war with any country if negotiations are conducted intelligently as at present. There is no doubt a majority of the members of Congress want to do something for Cuba, but no single measure now before Congress or that may be proposed can get a majority vote. The Committee on Foreign Affairs will not, I am sure, report any resolution or other measure that might lead to war. Every one feels that Cuba is rapidly liberating itself, and that the Spanish power has utterly failed after vast expenditure of life and treasure to accomplish anything."

LETTERS FROM THE MAINE.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 17.—Michael Clark, father of Thomas Clark, one of the firemen lost in the blowing up of the Maine, is janitor of the South Market Street school. A few days ago he received a letter from his son. It was written while the Maine was lying in Havana Harbor. The letter gives a description of the harbor and of the scenes attending the Maine's entry into port. In the letter the young man said:

"We had the decks cleared for action, and every man on board expected there would be trouble, and every man was ready to spring to his gun or position as quickly as would be necessary.

"After we had been here about a week, a request was made by Capt. Sigsbee for the loan of an ash boat from the Governor General at Havana, but he would not give us any, and furthermore said that he did not wish to see our vessel in the harbor. It was current that our ship received an order to leave within twenty-four hours, or there would be trouble, but as to the exact truth I cannot say; but we did not move from our position. I feel as safe on board the Maine as I would be in Newark."

Another Newark man, Charles Dennig, seaman, was on the Maine. He also wrote home since the Maine went to Havana. His mother showed the letter this morning. In it the young man said:

"A crowd of us went ashore one day to enjoy ourselves, and when we got into Havana city, a crowd of Spaniards gathered around us and tried to kill us, but we licked a couple of them and fought our way out. I don't want to tell you of what they tried to do to us, but if an American sailor went ashore alone he would not come back to his ship. The Spanish shopkeepers would not sell us anything at all. No matter how much we offered them, they told us to get out. Since the day we came near having trouble, no one but officers will be allowed ashore, as there would surely be lots of trouble."

SPAIN TO HOLD AN INQUIRY.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—Orders have been issued to Capt. Peral to open an inquiry into the cause of the disaster to the Maine. The Government has received a cable message from the Washington Government thanking Spain for the assistance rendered by the Spanish authorities at Havana after the disaster.

REAR ADMIRAL SELFRIDGE HERE.

Among the passengers on the North German Lloyd steamship Fulda, which arrived at her pier in Hoboken yesterday, was Rear Admiral Thomas A. Selfridge, United States Navy, who is returning after an absence of two and a half years abroad. He was met on the pier by his son, Henry Selfridge, who handed him a telegram which had been received from the Navy Department. Admiral Selfridge declined to reveal its contents, except to say that he had been ordered to report at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He said that he knew nothing about the Maine disaster except what he read in the newspapers when he reached Quarantine. When asked if he thought the Maine was blown up by an explosion of the magazine or a torpedo, he replied:

"It is impossible to say what caused the explosion until an examination of her hull has been made by divers. It will then be known whether she was blown inboard or outboard. The fact that the accident occurred at Havana is, of course, ground for suspicion that the Maine was blown up by a Spanish spy. I was a member of the Board of Inspectors for the Maine before she was officially placed in commission three years ago, but I cannot discuss the subject with the newspapers."

CARING FOR THE FAMILIES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—It is probable that the families of the victims of the Maine disaster will be cared for by the Government, as were the survivors of those who were lost in the Samoan hurricane several years ago, when fifty-four American officers and sailors were lost from the Nipsic, Vandalia, and Trenton, which were wrecked on that occasion. Representative McClellan of New York introduced a joint resolution appropriating $150,000 for this purpose in the House to-day.

The resolution is as follows: "Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, that the Secretary of the Navy be and is hereby directed to pay out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise provided, a sum equal to twelve months' pay to the legal heirs or representatives of each of the officers and crew of the United States warship Maine who perished in the disaster in Havana Feb. 15, 1898, and the sum of $150,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act."

SENATOR BUTLER'S OPINION.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 17.—Senator Butler of North Carolina, now in Minneapolis attending the session of the Populist State Convention, is inclined to view the loss of the Maine as the result of treachery.

"The act of blowing up a vessel in that manner," he said, "would appeal to many of the Spaniards as a noble deed, and the author would be a hero; but of course the Spanish Government has no connection with it."

"Will it precipitate war? No, hardly. If it is shown that the explosion was not accidental, the Spanish Government would be in duty bound to disavow any connection with it, and punish the author or authors in a summary manner."

DENIALS OF WILD RUMORS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—In order to answer inquiries from all sections of the country regarding sensational rumors, the following statement is made by the Associated Press:

The cruiser New York has not been ordered to Havana.

Consul General Lee has not been assassinated.

There is no conference of the Cabinet.

Congress is not in session to-night, both houses having adjourned at the usual hour until to-morrow.

President McKinley did not go to the Capitol, and the situation is decidedly quiet.

HOW THE OFFICERS DIED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The State Department this afternoon received the following dispatch from Consul General Lee, telling the particulars of the fate of the two officers of the Maine who were lost:

Havana, Feb. 17, 1898.

Assistant Secretary Day, Washington:

Merrit was in the junior officers' messroom and Jenkins in the wardroom messroom at the time of the explosion. The latter left before an officer who was saved. He must have gone the wrong way. The lights went out immediately, and the water came rushing in.

Merritt got to hatch with Naval Cadet Boyd. The ladder was gone. Boyd climbed through and tried to pull Merritt up, but the latter let go his hands, fell back, and was drowned. The bodies of these officers have not yet been found. They are possibly in the wreck. LEE.

Officers of the Texas Shocked.

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 17.—Officers of the battleship Texas and the cruiser Nashville were shocked at the news from Havana. Capt. Phillips said: "I cannot see how an explosion on board the Maine would be possible. Neither can I imagine the possibility that a torpedo was exploded under the Maine. It is unreasonable that any one would have done such a thing, and thereby incur the enmity of the whole world."

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The Navy Department Makes Up Lists from Its Latest Advices from Havana.

ERRORS MADE OVER THE W

Holland, Alfred J.; Holser, Frederick; Hutchings, Robert.
Kane, Joseph H.
Jectson, Harry; Jerne, Fred, and Johnson, Alfred.
Load, John B.; Loeber, George W.; Loftus, Paul, and Lohman, Charles A.
McCann, Harry; McDevitt, William; McGuiness, William; McNair, William; Mack, Thomas; Matiasen, Carl, and Mattisen, William.
Panck, John H.; Pilcher, Charles F.
Rau, Arthur; Richards, Walter E.; Rowe, James.
Schwartz, George; Shea, Jeremiah; Smith, Carl A.
Teackle, Harry; Thompson, William H.
Walters, Thomas J.; Webber, Martin V.; White, John E.; Wilbur, Benjamin R.; Williams, Henry; Williams, James.

Uninjured.

Anthony, W.; Awo, F.
Bullock, C. H.
Galpin, Charles P.
Harris, Westmore.
Kushida, Katsusaburo.
Larsen, Peter; Loriniere, Lewis; Luts, Joseph.
McKay, Edward; Meehan, Michael; Melville, Thomas; Mikkelsen, Peter.
Reden, Martin; Rusch, Frank.
Topping, Daniel G., Turpin, John H.
Willis, Alonzo.

Initials Incorrect—Cannot Locate.

William Anderson, Carlos, A. Hallon, H. Johnson, J. M. Mounere, A. Senetal, W. Williams.

NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

Enlisted Men on the Warship, Those Who Are Saved Being Indicated by Their Condition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The following is a list of the enlisted men of the Maine, not including the Marine Corps, from New York City and State and New Jersey, with the names of the saved indicated, some of whom are injured and in hospital at Havana or Key West:

A.

Anderson, John, boatswain's mate, second class, 541 First Avenue, New York; Andrews, Frank, ordinary seaman, Chemung, N. Y.

B.

Baum, Henry S., landsman, 405 West Fortieth Street, New York; Becker, Jacob, chief machinist, 650 First Street, Hoboken, N. J.; Bookbinder, etc., apprentice, second class, 348 North Second Street, Brooklyn; Bonner, Leon, seaman, 77 Washington Street, New York; Bullock, Charles H., gunner's mate, second class, 77 Jane Street, Newburg, N. Y.; Butler, Frederick F., machinist, second class, 38 Central Avenue, Harrison, N. Y.

C.

Christiansen, Carl A., fireman, first class, 128 Degraw Street, Brooklyn, seriously hurt; Clark, Thomas, coal passer, 13 Glover Street, Newark, N. J.; Coleman, William, ordinary seaman, 544 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York; Coleman, William, fireman, second class, 272 Navy Street, Brooklyn; Cronin, Daniel, landsman, 298 Henry Street, New York.

D.

Dennig, Charles, seaman, Newark, N. J.; Drury, James, fireman, first-class, 106½ Douglas Street, Brooklyn; Dressler, Gustav J., apprentice, first-class, 658 East One Hundred and Fifty-second Street, New York; Etts, John P., seaman, 87 Front Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

E.

Evenson, Carl, seaman, 205 North Fourth Street, Brooklyn.

F.

Fadde, Charles F. J., apprentice, first-class, 226 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, N. J.; Foley, Patrick J., apprentice, first-class, 16 Mechanic Street, Orange N. J., seriously hurt; Franke, Charles, apprentice, first-class, 459 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn.

G.

Gardner, Thomas J., Chief Yeoman, 490 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn; Graham, Edward P., coal passer, 309 Seventh Street, Jersey City; Greer, William A., apprentice, first-class, 291 Eckford Street, Brooklyn; Gross, Henry, landsman, 313 East One Hundred and First Street, New York.

H.

Hamberger, William, landsman, 35 Coles Street, Jersey City; Hamilton, John, chief carpenter's mate, 566 Nelson Street, Brooklyn; Ham, Ambrose, apprentice, first class, 28 Catherine Street, Schenectady, saved; Hanrahan, William C., coxswain, Cohoes, N. Y.; Harris, Edward, water tender, Binghamton, N. Y.; Harry, Thomas J., coal passer, 10 East Twenty-second Street, New York; Hauck, Charles, landsman, 238 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn; Heffron, John, ordinary seaman, 1,515 Dean Street, Brooklyn; Herbert, John, landsman, 543 Columbia Street, Brooklyn, saved; Hoizer, Frederick C., ordinary seaman, 40 Union Avenue, Brooklyn; Holland, Alfred J., coxswain, 90 Fifteenth Street, South Brooklyn; Horn, William J., fireman, first class, Whitehall, N. Y.; Hough, William L., landsman, Madison Street, New York; Hutchings, Robert, landsman, 146 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York, seriously hurt.

J.

Jernee, Fred, coal passer, 51 Water Street, New Brunswick, N. J.

K.

Kelly, Hugh, coal passer, 326 Sackett Street, Brooklyn; Kelly, John, coal passer, 79 Spencer Street, Brooklyn; Koebeler, George W., apprentice, first class, 375 Douglass Street, Brooklyn; Kruse, Hugo, painter, Vine Street, Corona, L. I.

L.

Lee, William J., apprentice, first class, Ramseys, N. J.; Leene, Daniel, coal passer, born Ansonia, Conn.; Lees, Samuel, ordinary seaman, 7 West One Hundred and Sixteenth Street, New York; Leupold, Gustav, fireman, second class, 310 Morris Avenue, Newark, N. J.; Lieber, George, apprentice, first class, 510 East Eighteenth Street, New York; Louden, James W., apprentice, second class, Keyport, N. J.; Lyndon, John T., ordinary seaman, New York City; Lynch, Bernard, fireman, first class, 418 Van Brunt Street, Brooklyn.

M.

Malone, Michael, fireman, second-class, 406 West Twenty-sixth Street, New York; Marsden, Benjamin L., apprentice, first-class, Jersey City, N. J.; Mason, James H., landsman, 381 Fifth Street, Jersey City; Melville, Thomas, coal passer, New York City, saved; Merz, John, landsman, 364 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn; Miller, George, seaman, 63 Pearl Street, New York; Miller, William S., apprentice, second-class, 2,338 Second Avenue, New York; Moss, Gerhard C., machinist, first-class, 788 Twenty-seventh Street, Brooklyn.

O.

O'Connor, James, chief boatswain's mate, Bayonne, N. J.; O'Hagan, Thomas J., apprentice, first-class, New York.

P.

Paige, Frederick, landsman, 1,884 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N. Y.; Pflug, Francis C., apprentice, first class, 21 South Stuart Street, Rochester, N. Y.; Porter, John, coal passer, Toms Ridge, Westchester County, N. Y.

Q.

Quigley, Thomas J., plumber and fitter, 862 Tenth Avenue, New York.

R.

Reden, Martin, seaman, Monastery Street, Union Hill, N. J., saved; Reilly, Joseph, fireman, first class, 246 Henry Street, New York; Richards, Walter E., apprentice, second class, Westville, N. J., saved; Rising, Newell, coal passer, Port Chester, N. Y.; Robinson, William, landsman, 208 Park Avenue, Hoboken, N. J.

S.

Schroeder, August, ordinary seaman, 24 Catharine Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Scott, Charles A., carpenter's mate, second class, Freeport, Long Island; Shaw, Thomas, landsman, 149 East Eighty-sixth Street, New York; Shea, John J., coal passer, 107 Mott Street, New York.

T.

Teackle, Harry, seaman, 14 Stuyvesant Place, St. George, S. I., saved; Tehan, Daniel J., coal passer, 71 Division Street, New York, saved; Thompson, William H., landsman, 208 Elm Street, New York, Toppin, Daniel C., ward room cook, 304 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York; saved; Tuohey, Martin, coal passer, 372 Hicks Street, Brooklyn; Turpin, John H., mess attendant, Long Branch, N. J., saved.

W.

White, Charles O., Chief Master at Arms, 57 Poplar Street, Brooklyn; White, John E., landsman, 146 Nassau Street, Brooklyn; Williams, James, gunner's mate, third class, 254 West Eighteenth Street, New York, saved; Willis, Alonzo, apprentice, second class, Keyport, N. J., saved; Ziegler, John H., coal passer, 134 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, N. J.

WHO THE LOST MEN WERE.

CHARLES O. WHITE, the Chief Master at Arms of the lost vessel, was completing his third cruise in the navy. He was born twenty-nine years ago in England. He married, about two years ago, Miss Minnie Glavin of 26 St. Mark's Place, Brooklyn. His home had been for several years at 67 Poplar Street, but a few weeks ago his wife and baby went to Norfolk, Va., to be near him before the Maine sailed for the South. They are yet in that city.

HENRY S. BAUM, age eighteen, enlisted as landsman two and one-half years ago. His father died several years ago, and his mother, Mrs. John Nevins, lives at 349 West Fortieth Street. His last letter from Havana was dated Feb. 1, and he seemed to think the Maine had gone to Havana to fight.

WILLIAM COLEMAN, twenty-one years old, colored, shipped as ordinary seaman in June, 1897. He was an elevator and hall boy previously. His mother, who has married again, and is now Mrs. Moore, lives at 544 West Thirty-ninth Street. She said she had not heard from him since he last visited her, on Thanksgiving Day, when he was on the Vermont. The following day he sailed for Key West.

Henry Dierking, a drummer boy on the Maine, who is supposed to have been lost, lived in Brooklyn, at 181 Fourteenth Street. The father is a tailor, and Henry was one of ten children. He wrote home frequently, and only last week his parents received a letter from him, in which he said that he believed war would soon be declared, and that the feeling against Americans in Havana was very bitter.

WILLIAM DUNNIGHY, ordinary seaman, is the name that was assumed by William Gallagher, thirty-four years old, of 130 Prospect Street, Brooklyn. He had been in the navy eleven years. His enlistment would have expired next August. His sister, Mrs. Kate Hicks, at that address, was his only relative in this country.

GEORGE D. FAUBEL, supposed to be missing, was the son of George Faubel, a saloon keeper at 67 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn. The father, who is a prominent Democratic politician in the Twenty-sixth Ward, says that his son has always telegraphed in previous cases of danger, and he believes that he has been killed in the present accident. Young Faubel enlisted in 1895, and his time would be up in June, this year. In a recent letter he said that he expected to re-enlist. He was a member of the Brighton Athletic Club.

CHARLES FRANKE was a first-class apprentice. He was a son of the late Jacob Franke, a fish dealer, at 459 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn. The father died about two years ago, after the son had enlisted in the service. Young Franke came to this country with his parents from Germany when three years old. The boy enlisted about five years ago as an apprentice. His term of enlistment would have expired next September.

HENRY GROSS, twenty-three years old, enlisted in the navy for three years in 1895, and his term was to have expired next August. He was born in this city and educated in the Sisters' School at Fort Lee, N. J. The last letter received by his widowed mother from him was dated Havana Harbor, Jan. 26, and he told how the Maine had entered the harbor with all hands at the guns ready to fire at the word of command, for he stated that all hands fully expected a fight and were somewhat disappointed when none occurred. He was the only son and the principal support of his mother, Louise Gross of 403 East One Hundred and First Street.

ROBERT HUTCHINGS, age twenty-three, colored, enlisted as landsman eighteen months ago. His father, Zacharia Taylor Hutchings, who, with three other sons, lives at 445 West Fortieth Street, said that Robert was born in Virginia. He had not heard from his son since November last, when he was at Key West.

GEORGE W. KAEBLER, first-class apprentice, lived at 375 Douglass Street, Brooklyn. His mother was hoping against hope last night. He was born in Brooklyn and was educated in the public schools until he joined the navy as a third-class apprentice. After his term of service in the training ship Essex he was sent to the receiving ship Vermont, and was thence drafted to the Maine when she went into commission.

"JAMES H. MASON," landsman, appears in the list of the missing. This is the assumed name of James Henry Fox, twenty-two years old, who enlisted at the Brooklyn Navy Yard June 19, 1895. He is the son of James Fox, foreman for A. W. Haff, at Fulton Fish Market. Mr. Fox, when seen at his home, 233 Walnut Street, Brooklyn, last night, said that at the age of nineteen his son had run away from home and joined the navy. His three years would have expired on June 19 next.

HARRY S. McCANN, seaman, was the son of Policeman McCann of the Lee Avenue Police Court squad of Williamsburg, who lives at 104 Pulaski Street. Mr. McCann received Tuesday a letter written by his son on board the Maine a week ago.

WILLIAM S. MILLER, 20 years old, until last October lived with his mother and stepfather, Ernest Patsch, at 2,152 Second Avenue. At that time he enlisted in the navy and after serving at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for about a month got a berth aboard the Maine, where he served as a drummer boy. He was born and educated in this city and was a member of the Harlem Baptist Church.

THOMAS QUIGLEY, aged thirty-five, was a plumber and gasfitter. He owned a plumbing shop at 452 West Fifty-sixth Street, which is now kept by his brother, John J. Quigley, who lives in Hoboken. Thomas's wife died two years ago, and her death so depressed him that he was unable to attend to his business. He turned it over to his brother and enlisted. In his last letter to his brother, which was received a week ago, he said it was so hot in Havana Harbor that the men had to sleep on deck, and he would be glad when the ship went away.

THOMAS F. SHEA lived with his father, Dennis Shea, two brothers, and two sisters, at 148 East Eighty-sixth Street, up to a year ago. He was twenty-two years old, and had lived in this city all his life. He disappeared from his home, and for a time his family did not know what had become of him. From letters received from him soon after he went away they believed he was working in the upper part of the State.

DANIEL G. TAPPIN, age forty, colored, was a ward room cook. His wife, Elizabeth A. Tappin, lives at 310 West Thirty-ninth Street. She said that her husband had for years been cook on the Erie road, and had lost his place when his patron, Mr. King, ceased to be President. He engaged on board the Maine a year ago. She received a letter from him on Wednesday. It was dated Feb. 12.

DANIEL J. TEHAN, aged twenty-four years, enlisted in 1895, was ordered to the Maine when she was put in commission, and had been one of her crew ever since. He was born in this city, and his father, Jeremiah Tehan, and two sisters, Abbie and Mary Ellen Tehan, live at 46 Rutgers Street. His father sent a cable dispatch to Havana last night to try to learn something about his son.

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, aged twenty-five, enlisted first in 1892, for three years, and served the first two years of his enlistment on the cruiser Chicago, and was then transferred to the monitor Miantonomoh, on which ship he served for the rest of the time. On his return to this city he was employed for a while by a lithographing firm on Vesey Street, and in June, 1895, he again enlisted, and has been on duty on the Maine ever since she was put into commission. He was born in Jersey City, and has a sister, Mrs. J. Cullen, and two brothers, Michael J. and Thomas W. Thompson, who live at 202 Elm Street, this city. He was unmarried.

DOING WELL AT KEY WEST.

Wounded and Others Receiving the Care of the People of the City.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 17.—The reports upon the Maine's wounded to-day are favorable. Every possible care is being bestowed upon them, and both well and injured are brighter and better after a night's rest.

Now it is the officers and men not connected with the Maine who show signs of exhaustion. Commander Forsyth of the naval station here, has been on duty ever since the first news of the disaster was received here, and the officers and men on the torpedo boats Cushing and Ericsson have been under a great strain, which no one who has not traveled on these "elongated coffins" can appreciate.

The officers from the Maine are at the hotels or requartered with army or navy friends, and the seamen and others have been provided for at the barracks, or have been sent to the cruiser New York.

Adistribution of clothing will be made to them so soon as possible. The officers can buy all they want here in the way of clothing.

The American and Cuban ladies here are busy preparing delicacies for the wounded and supplying the hospital with flowers. All the people, from the bootblacks to the wealthy cigar manufacturers, are animated by sympathy and are anxious to do anything in their power to relieve the wounded.

THE MARINES OF THE MAINE.

Complete List of the Lost and Survivors Given Out in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Navy Department this afternoon gave out a final and complete list of the marines on board the Maine, including the lost and survivors, as follows:

William Anthony, private; uninjured, at Havana. Sergts. Meehan and Galvin, Privates Lutz and McKay, uninjured; now at Key West. Corp. F. P. Thompson and Privates McDevitt and Gerimond, slightly hurt, but now at Key West.

The following are given as "believed to be lost":

Private H. A. Vanhorn, Corp. Joseph Schoen, Private John McDermott, Private J. J. Jordan, Private John Bennett, First Sergt. Henry Wagner, Sergt. J. T. Brown, Privates Henry E. Stock, Edward B. Suman, William McGuiness, John Coffee, Frank Kelly, C. H. Lemlett, P. A. Losko, A. C. Wills, E. F. Kean, J. Monahan, Joseph Strongman, E. B. Timpany, M. J. Downing, C. E. Johnson, V. H. Bottling, James H. Roberts, Paul Loftus, F. J. Newman, George Brosnan, A. V. Warren, Corp. J. R. Burns, Corp. A. H. Richter, Drummer J. H. Dierking, Pifer C. H. Newton.

TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE

Admiral Sicard, in Command of the North Atlantic Squadron, Appoints a Court of Inquiry.

MAY ASSEMBLE ON MONDAY

Members of the Court Will Be Capt. Sampson of the Iowa, Capt. Chadwick of the New York, and Lieut. Commanders Schroeder and Marix.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Navy Department received a dispatch this morning from Admiral Sicard, in command of the North Atlantic squadron, giving the detail of the court of inquiry to investigate the Maine disaster as follows: Capt. Sampson, President of the Court; Capt. Chadwick, Lieut. Commander Schroeder, and Lieut. Commander Marix.

Capt. William T. Sampson, the President of the court, is commander of the battleship Iowa, now at Tortugas. He is a native of New York, and was graduated at the Naval Academy in 1860. At the outbreak of the civil war he served on the Potomac, and was appointed master in 1861. The year following he was commissioned Lieutenant. The last year of the war found him on the Patapsco of the South Atlantic blockading squadron.

The vessel was destroyed in Charleston Harbor Jan. 15, 1865, and the following year Lieut. Sampson received his commission as Lieutenant Commander. He was a member of the International Prime Meridian and Time Conference in 1884, member of the Board on Fortifications and Other Defenses in 1885-6, and delegate from the United States to the International Maritime Conference in Washington in 1889.

In March, 1889, he was assigned to the command of the San Francisco, with the rank of Captain. In 1892 he was appointed Inspector of Ordnance at the Washington Navy Yard, and the following year became Chief of Bureau.

Capt. Frank Ensor Chadwick is commander of the New York at Key West. He was born in Virginia, and was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1864. His first assignment to duty was on the steam sloop Susquehanna in the Brazil squadron.

In December, 1866, he was promoted to master, and in 1868 received his Lieutenant's commission. Toward the close of the year he was appointed Lieutenant Commander. During the following ten years he was at different times with the European squadron, at the Naval Academy, and the North Atlantic squadron. From 1882 to 1889, he was the naval attaché in London.

After leaving London he commanded for two years the Yorktown, squadron of evolution. After special duty at the Navy Department, on the Board of Labor Reorganization and as special intelligence officer, he was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Equipment in 1893.

Lieut. Commander Seaton Schroeder, executive officer of the Massachusetts, now at Tortugas, was born in the District of Columbia and was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1868. He was made master in 1870, and from 1871 to 1873 served on board the Asiatic Squadron of the European fleet. In 1872 he was commissioned Lieutenant, and in 1893 received his appointment of Lieutenant Commander.

Lieut. Commander Adolph Marix, executive officer of the Vermont, was born in Saxony, and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1868. He was attached to the European station during the following year, and in 1871 was promoted to Master. Receiving his Lieutenant's commission during the next year, he served until 1886 in North Atlantic, Asiatic, South Atlantic, and European Stations

He was then transferred to the Judge Advocate's office, and three years later was sent on special duty to Australia. He was in charge of the New York branch of the Hydrographic Office from 1892 to 1893, when he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander. He served on the Maine during 1896, prior to going on the Vermont.

It is said that the naval court of inquiry which is to investigate the disaster can scarcely assemble for the work at Havana before next Monday, as Lieut. Commander Marix, who left Washington at 11 o'clock this morning, can hardly reach Key West before the end of the week.

It is not yet known where the board will hold its sessions at Havana, as this detail has been left for Admiral Sicard to fix.

Divers on the Scene.

The Fern and the Mangrove reported arrival at Havana last evening. The former is provided with diving apparatus, and as every warship company includes at least several expert divers, there will be no lack of men to make the necessary search. They will be subject to orders of the Court of Inquiry in every particular.

Outside of the action indicated by Admiral Sicard in the appointment of the court of inquiry, and the adoption of further measures for the disposition of the wounded and the interment of the dead, the departmental officials felt that there was little to do at this moment and that it remained for the investigation to be completed before further action could be taken. The board has ample authority to make the most searching investigation into the causes of the disaster.

Hard to Obtain Evidence.

General fear is expressed by the older officers of the Navy Department that the destruction of the Maine has been so complete, at least in the forward portion of the ship, where the explosion is believed to have occurred, that it may be impossible to find sufficient evidence in the wreck of the hull to be able to declare with certainty the cause of the disaster.

The report coming from Havana descriptive of the occurrence of the wreck strengthened these doubts. The fallen smokestack, the disappearance of the big turret guns, and the overturning of the deck forward, all seem to indicate that an enormous destruction has occurred below.

Nothing, however, has yet developed in the news from Havana as to the appearance of the wreck or in the conflicting stories of the survivors to change the opinion of the majority of the officers stationed in the Navy Department that the Maine sank as the result of an internal explosion.

As to the origin of the explosion, there is still a wide difference of opinion, but the coal bunker theory to-day finds many more supporters than any other theory. This theory is based on the supposition that spontaneous combustion in one of the bunkers, which in the Maine are separated from the magazine forward by a single thin iron partition, ignited the magazine and caused the destruction of the vessel.

Maine's Coal of Good Quality.

In connection with the theory of spontaneous combustion, the character of the coal supplied to the Maine assumed some importance. This is supplied at present to the Bureau of Equipment, and the head of that bureau, Capt. Royal Bradford, this morning asserted positively that the coal was the very best.

He produced the quarterly report required by regulations to show exactly the state of the Maine's coal supply and the quality of the coal. At the end of December the vessel had fifty-two tons of coal only in her bunkers. This was made up of Pocahontas and New River coal. Capt. Bradford said that Pocahontas is a standard naval coal and is rated at 100.

New River follows next, and is set down at 90 per cent. These are semi-bituminous coals of a quality closely approaching that of the Welsh navigation coal, the British naval standard.

The department also authorizes a denial of the statement attributed to Capt. Sigsbee, that he recommended to the department before he sailed for Havana that no other ship than the Maine be sent to Havana because the harbor was too dangerous owing to the number of torpedoes planted in the bottom.

It is said that nobody aside from the Spanish officers in Havana knows what has been done to protect the harbor in that manner.

Specific denial was also given of the report emanating from Madrid that a torpedo flotilla was about to leave Key West for Cuba. It was said that only two torpedo boats, the Cushing and Ericsson, are at Key West, and these have not been ordered and will not be ordered, according to present plans, to Cuba.

Señor du Bosc, the Spanish Chargé, has received no instructions to go to New York to stop the Spanish ship Vizcaya from entering the port, and reports to this effect were discredited.

Men brain-fagged from business cares need

Malt-Nutrine

It soothes and nourishes. Malt-Nutrine is prepared by the famous Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n, which fact guarantees the purity, excellence, and merit claimed for it. —Adv.

CITY DOCTORS IN SESSION

Academy of Medicine Recommends the Establishment of a National Health Board.

THE CAFFERY BILL CONDEMNED

A Committee Will Go to Washington to Urge the Spooner Bill—Expert Testimony Features Advocated.

The New York Academy of Medicine last evening unanimously adopted resolutions presented by Dr. Richard H. Derby, from the Committee on National Public Health, as follows:

Whereas, The happiness and the well-being of a people and the business prosperity of a country depend on the wisdom, the force, and the execution of the sanitary laws, and

Whereas, A diversity of opinions and a division of responsibility, without co-operation in sanitary measures cause confusion in the effort and defeat in the practice of sanitary aims, and,

Whereas, The medical profession of a country are the proper custodians of its health, therefore be it

Resolved, That the fellows of the New York Academy of Medicine do earnestly recommend the establishment of a National Bureau of Health with the power to administer within constitutional limits the sanitary needs of the United States.

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing be sent to the New York Chamber of Commerce and to the New York Board of Trade and Transportation.

The Academy also unanimously adopted resolutions presented by Dr. Derby approving Senate Bill No. 3,433, introduced by Senator Spooner, as substantially the one advocated by the Academy before Congress a year ago and condemning the Caffery bill. The enactment of this latter bill, the resolutions say, "would be a serious misfortune to the interests of the public health of the United States, not only because it would tend to postpone the establishment of a National Health Bureau, but because it embodies a narrow view of the real importance of public health organizations, and unduly emphasizes a single phase of health protection which science and experience have shown to be of entirely secondary importance."

A committee, consisting of Drs. E. G. Janeway, A. Jacobi, J. D. Bryant, J. M. Brudden, and Richard H. Derby, was appointed to go to Washington in support of the Spooner bill.

Dr. Allen Starr presented a report of progress from the Committee on Expert Testimony, appointed in June last, and the report was received. The committee concludes that any measure looking toward a reform in the present methods of offering expert testimony should proceed along three distinct lines: (1) To establish a standard of excellence; (2) to secure the appointment of experts in any case by the Presiding Justice of the court, so that the expert should have a judicial function and be free from bias; (3) fees should be fixed by the Court.

The committee decided to recommend that persons desiring to practice as experts shall be required to register with the Regents of the university, presenting certain evidence of qualification, the applicant to specify what department of medicine he desires to appear in, either surgery, medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, chemistry, pathology, nervous diseases, or insanity; to state that he has been in the practice of medicine for ten years, and in that of the specialty for three years; to show that he has had special opportunities for research for three years in laboratory, dispensary, hospital, or asylum practice; to present a certificate of good moral character; to have his qualifications sworn to and indorsed by two officers of the County Medical Society or association of the school to which he belongs, and certified to by a Justice of a court of record of the district in which he resides.

The committee recommends the appointment of the experts by the Judge of the court in which the case is tried, upon the application of counsel for either side, or in the wisdom of the Court. It recommends that the Court appoint three or more experts to act as judicial advisers. The experts are to be allowed to receive all information possible from counsel on both sides; they are to be allowed to examine material or patients; they are not to express any opinion to any one excepting to each other, and their testimony is to be elicited by questions and cross-questions before the Court.

With regard to the remuneration of experts, the committee recommends that the Judge appointing them should fix the fees, either in a lump sum for the case or a per diem fee, to be not less than $10 nor more than $200 for each expert. The committee also recommends making this fee a taxable disbursement and so part of the costs of a case, to be paid by the county in criminal cases and by the loser in a civil case.

The report concludes by recommending the adoption of Assembly Bill No. 509, presented by Mr. Kelsey, as a basis, amendments to make it conform to the views of the committee to be offered. The report is signed by Drs. Allen Starr, Stephen Smith, George L. Peabody, J. H. Girdner, C. L. Dana, H. C. Coe, H. M. Biggs, and E. G. Janeway.

PAPER MEN CRY "WAR."

At the American Paper and Pulp Association's Dinner Mr. McElroy's Speech Evokes Response.

The annual meeting of the American Paper and Pulp Association was continued yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria. A resolution, presented by Warner Miller, in favor of the maintenance of the gold standard, was passed, and one suggesting the early construction of the Nicaraguan Canal by Americans was also passed. In the matter of postal facilities and the international bankruptcy bill the association put itself on record as desiring cheaper letter rates and larger remuneration for ships carrying American mails.

The following officers for the current year were elected: President, Hugh J. Chisholm; Vice Presidents—"Writing," William F. Whiting; "Book," James N. Mohr; "News," George C. Sherman; "Wrapping," Samuel P. Train; "Wood Pulp," Kennedy B. Fullerton; "Chemical Fibre," Augustus G. Paine, Jr.; "Brads," C. D. Brown; Secretary and Treasurer, Chester W. Lyman. Delegates to National Board of Trade—William T. Barker and William H. Sharp.

Professor Franklin Giddings of Columbia University addressed the association on "Combinations of Capital in Relation to National Prosperity," and Clemens Herschel read a paper on "Some Facts in Hydraulics."

In the evening a dinner was given in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria. William H. McElroy of The Rochester Post-Express, responded to the toast, "The Debt of Literature to Paper." He took occasion to digress:

"Amid these pleasures our minds cannot keep from reverting to the sad accident to the Maine. We hope that it was an accident. But if another cause is assigned, we will stand shoulder to shoulder, in the defense of our country. Our Government shall not perish." [Cheers.]

As Mr. McElroy sat down there were cries of "War with Spain!" "Let it come!" "Telegraph it to McKinley!"

Other speakers were the Rev. Minot J. Savage, who responded to the toast "The Man of Affairs"; Charles W. Knapp of The St. Louis Republic on "The American Newspaper," Judge Joseph W. Symonds of Portland, Me., "The Triumphs of the Useful Arts," and Warner Miller, "Our Anniversary."

MARTIAL LAW IN SAN JOSE.

Navy Department Hears from the Marietta's Captain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Navy Department has received a cable dispatch from Commander Symmonds, commanding the Marietta at San José de Guatemala, reporting all quiet at that point, with the town under martial law.

This dispatch was in cipher, and the fact that it was not given out at once gave rise to a rumor that the Navy Department was in receipt of secret information from Havana. This was explained later when the dispatch was translated and made public.

COSTA RICA AT PEACE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Señor Calvo, Resident Minister of Costa Rica, to-night gave out this statement:

"The news of a revolution in Costa Rica is wholly false, and is even without foundation. Dispatches received yesterday and to-day at the legation contradicted in most positive terms the report published as well as the rumor published in the form of a telegram from Managua, dated Feb. 8, which I did not deem worthy of any notice."

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

THE HEWITTS' PLANT PARTY.

Society Assumes Vegetable Garb for the Season's Last Big Dance—Striking Costume Effects.

The last of the season's big dances, a revivification of the days of Louis XVI., who is credited with having stood sponsor for similar entertainments at Versailles, took place in the form of a "plant party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, 9 Lexington Avenue, last night. It was attended by several hundred of the city's wealthiest and most fashionable people.

As a novelty the plant party was a success. The edifying spectacle of richly costumed and bejeweled women carrying about on their persons imitations of various representatives of the vegetable kingdom, from squash and lettuce to meteor roses and orchids, and of men in conventional evening dress, with similar additions, was something enough out of the ordinary to interest the people concerned, and also plenty of others who were not favored with invitations.

The women guests were asked to go in costumes representative of some praticular fruit, flower, or vegetable. The men appeared at the house in ordinary evening dress, which prevented too close a similarity to the Versailles "plant parties," and as each of them entered he received a vegetable adornment, artificial, of course, which he was supposed to wear for the rest of the evening.

The feminine guests showed little tendency to clothe themselves in complete imitation of plants or fruits, but were contented with bizarre headdresses and vegetable garnitures, which were sufficiently startling without quite spoiling the effect of handsome gowns. One young woman carried in a staff adorned with garlands, and another had snowshoes carried in for her to complete her costume.

Mrs. Hewitt received her guests in a costume suggestive of violets, and carried real specimens of the flower. The Misses Hewitt, who assisted her, carried pinks and orchids. Mrs. P. Cooper Hewitt, daughter-in-law of the host, who was with them, wore imitation red carnations in her hair. P. Cooper Hewitt and Edward Cooper were among the other relatives present.

The entertainment was of a vaudeville character and started about 10:30 P. M. There were charades, tableaus, and songs, all furnished by the guests. Lander's Orchestra played, and supper was served about midnight. There was some informal dancing afterward, but no cotillion.

Mr. Webb's Make-up.

G. Creighton Webb created considerable amusement by appearing in an admirable make-up of red hair and beard and complexion to match. He disguised his voice with good effect.

The plant party is said to have been the first thing of its kind ever given here, though a vegetable party, in which men and women were both costumed, took place at Sherry's two years ago. It was a leap year dance, and was attended by a number of fashionable people.

Among the striking costumes were those of Mrs. A. Cass Canfield, who wore a basket of roses as headgear; Mrs. Francis Key Pendleton, who was in yellow satin, trimmed with sunflowers, and wore the head of a tremendous sunflower in her hair; Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, in cerise velvet, and wearing as a bonnet the half of a flower pot from which a stalk bearing pink carnations protruded; Mrs. Nicholas Fish, a costume designed to represent wild field flowers; Mrs. Stanford White, in yellow satin, with poppies over her head and used to trim the corsage of her gown; Miss Edith Winthrop and Miss Ruth Morgan, gowned to represent poppies.

Mrs. Victor Sorchan, in pink satin, trimmed with pink roses, and wearing a pink satin rose, which measured about eighteen inches across, on her head; Miss Kernochan, as a sunflower, with satin gown appropriately trimmed; Miss Mary Kernochan, a white satin gown covered with apple blossoms; Mrs. W. Stover Miller, in brilliant red tulle, and wearing a Bacchante wreath of grapes and grape leaves in her hair.

TO RETIRE FROM HARVARD.

Prof. Charles Eliot Norton to Sever His Connection with the University.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 17.—Charles Eliot Norton, the distinguished critic and professor in Harvard University, has announced that with the end of the present academic year he will retire from the active duties of his position. Although Prof. Norton is the oldest member of the Faculty, his connection with Harvard as a professor did not begin until 1875.

After his graduation at Harvard in 1846 he spent a number of years in study and travel in Italy and other parts of Europe. He made a special study of Dante, and is the author of one of the best translations of that poet's works that has been made. His courses in the fine arts at Harvard have always been the largest and most popular that the college offers.

Prof. Norton was formerly editor of The North American Review, and was the literary executor of James Russell Lowell. He also edited the correspondence of Thomas Carlyle. He has always taken great interest in movements tending to elevate citizenship and purify politics, though he is best known as a fearless critic of literature and art.

The announcement of Prof. Norton's retirement will cause a shock to both graduates and undergraduates. Since 1875 no professor, it can be said, has had so much influence in shaping the thoughts of Harvard men as has Prof. Norton.

Outside of the classroom Prof. Norton has been particularly popular with the students, and has always been most cordial in receiving them at his home. For years it has been one of his customs to invite all students who do not go home in vacation time to receptions at his home.

In the Department of Fine Arts at Harvard, Prof. Norton followed Lowell, who was the successor of Longfellow.

HORRORS IN MACEDONIA.

Many Bulgarians Die Under Torture in the Villages.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The correspondent of The Daily News at Constantinople tells a terrible story of the murdering and torturing in the most horrible fashion of Bulgarians in Macedonian villages. Many have died under torture. A list of the victims has been furnished to the Ambassadors.

THE CARTER COURT-MARTIAL.

Tilt Between the Judge Advocate and W. P. Hardee, a Lawyer.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 17.—The Carter Courtmartial gave up considerable time today examining the charge of swearing falsely in the City Court of Savannah in the case of J. B. Brown vs. the Atlantic Contracting Company. W. P. Hardee, Brown's attorney, went on the stand. He is friendly to Capt. Carter, and when Judge Advocate Barr asked him to recite the testimony of the accused in the case referred to, he refused to do so.

"Do you remember the oath you took when you became a member of the bar?" the Judge Advocate asked.

"That, Sir, is none of your business," was the rejoinder.

The discussion created a sensation.

Other witnesses were introduced in connection with the charge referred to.

American-Irish Historians Dine.

The second annual dinner of the American-Irish Historical Society was held last night at Hotel San Remo. Seventy-five were present. The President of the society, Edward A. Mosely of Washington was unable to be present, and his place was taken by Gen. James R. O'Beirne. The principal address of the evening was by Joseph Smith of Lowell, Mass., upon "Some Ways in which American History is Falsified." Among those present were Thomas Hamilton Murray of Pawtucket, R. I.; John C. Linehan of Concord, N. H.; Thomas P. Lawler of Worcester, Mass.; James J. Roche of Boston, Morris F. Egan of Washington, Thomas J. Gargan and T. Russell Sullivan of Boston, Robert Ellis Thompson of Philadelphia, Thomas Dunn English of Newark, N. J.; August St. Gaudens, John D. Crimmins, Thomas Emmett, Stephen Geoghan, and E. F. McSweeney.

LATTIMER SHOOTING TRIAL

Strikers Say Deputies Gave Warning of Their Intention to Fire on Them.

TESTIMONY OF WANTON ACTS

Angelo Matz Says He Went to Lattimer to See the Fun—He Is Unable to Tell Which Party Fired First.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Feb. 17.—The Prosecuting Committee in the Lattimer shooting case will make an appeal to-day for funds with which to continue the prosecution of Sheriff Martin and his deputies. The money donated just after the strike for this purpose has all been expended in paying for the bringing of witnesses here, for attorneys' fees, and for the expenses incidental to arranging and preparing the case.

John Pupka, the first witness of the day, testified regarding the intention of the deputies to

The Wanamaker Store

Here's an Odd Announcement

THIS is the story of 200 new Spring Capes and Jackets; trim, jaunty, stylish garments, with all the new Spring touches about them, which are offered to-day *at their wholesale prices*.

To offer a price-cut of one-third or more on Spring garments at the very threshold of Spring is sufficiently unusual to deserve extended mention, even if the goods were not of a character which would earn favorable comment under any conditions.

The fact is it's a sample line which we have just bought. The manufacturer is famous for originality and excellence in styles. Materials and workmanship will speak for themselves. Here they are,—two hundred of them, 75 Capes and 125 Jackets, and they're beauties.

The Capes are in the leading fashionable shades of Castor, Gray, Brown, Green, Tan and Black, all handsomely lined with changeable or plaid taffetas, and trimmed with ribbons and embroidery.

Regular prices will be $12 to $30
Our prices are $7 to $19.

The Jackets are in fly-front, blouse-front and blazer front; cloths are coverts and kerseys and broadcloths; styles attractive and novel; workmanship and finishing, superb.

Regular prices will be $10 to $45
Our prices are $6 to $30

Some New Organdies

NINETY new styles in Organdies are here. We'd like you to see them. If you are an admirer of textile art, you will find them a purely artistic treat. If you wish them for summer gowns, you will find them the very pinnacle of the coming styles, and as for newness, they only paid their toll to Uncle Sam and became Americanized yesterday. Before that they were German—they come from Alsace.

30 patterns in Organdie Lisse, 35c. a yard.
30 patterns in Printed Organdie Raye, 37½c. a yard.
30 patterns in Printed Organdie Carreaux, 37½c. a yard.

They are beautiful goods, in exclusive designs, of course. Orders for them were placed more than nine months ago, and the patient, dexterous hand-printing has been going on practically ever since. The exquisite floral patterns in life-like tints cluster between the woven stripes, which vary from very narrow to broad and bold, and from white to intense but tasteful color. The delicate lace tracery,—but there, description is simply impossible. Come in and see them.

A Carload of Typewriter Desks. We have just received a carload of Typewriter Desks from a manufacturer who has made a name for himself in this specialty. They range all the way from a simple stand of birch, at $3, to a handsome quarter sawed oak roll-top desk, at $32.

Very good goods, indeed, and cheap, too. Here's the whole variety:—

At $3—Of birch, natural finish; top 18x32, French legs, one drawer and book rest.

At $5—Of quarter sawed oak; top 18x32, panel ends, one large drawer and book rest.

At $7.50—Of quarter sawed oak; top 18x32, four large drawers and book rest; panel ends.

At $17.50—Of quarter sawed oak; top 32x36, four large drawers and book rest, panel ends and back, self-adjusting machine rest.

At $23—Of quarter sawed oak; top 32x50, seven drawers, panel sides and back, self-adjusting machine rest.

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Black Beauty,	M'terpieces from Eliot
Bacon's Essays,	Sartor Resartus,
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Our best Mixtures cost 60c. a pound.
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Look at the George Washington Hatchets (candy-filled) and other 22d of February novelties when you're in the store. A fine lot of table decorations here too,—paper candle shades, paper doylies and mats, chop-tufts and such matters. Wanamaker prices.

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Handkerchief Price-Cuts. HERE are five items concerning handkerchiefs for men and women which are unusually interesting. Bear in mind that linen handkerchiefs here are just that and nothing less. Then the reductions from already fair prices seem all the more surprising.

FOR WOMEN

At 15c.—Hemstitched and embroidered; or embroidered and lace edges; real value, 25c.

At 25c.—Hemstitched, with four widths of hem; very fine, our regular 50c quality.

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At 35c.—Pure white hemstitched, extra fine, but in limited quantity; value, 65c.

At $1.50 doz.—Pure white hemstitched; two widths of hem.

At $1 doz.—For men and women. Hemstitched. Some with hand-embroidered initial, unlaundered. Try to match them at the price elsewhere.

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NO RATES FROM NEW ENGLAND.

The Merchants' Association has received word that the railroads of the New England Passenger Association have refused to grant the application for reduced rates to merchants attending the association conventions in the latter part of this month and in March. The application was similar to that granted by the Central Passenger Association recently and by the Trunk Line Association. The New England Association, however, replied that prevailing low regular rates in New England prevented such a concession. The Merchants' Association has filed a protest to this action.

The lines forming the Southeastern Passenger Association also declined to grant the rates, on the ground that they had been so advised by their counsel. It is said that they were afraid of violating the Inter-State Commerce act. The Merchants' Association, however, is of the opinion that this decision will be reversed in the case of future excursions.

TRUSTED BOOKKEEPER HELD.

John W. Short, head bookkeeper, thirty-six years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon in the office of the Wallabout Iron Foundry, at 62 to 76 Rutledge Street, Brooklyn, on a warrant charging him with embezzlement. The complainant was his employer, Frederick W. Davis, who, in an affidavit, alleged that on Monday last Short appropriated $98.27, as well as $5 on a $10 petty cash check. Short lives at 30 Concelyea Street. He had been in the firm's employ many years, and some time ago a power of attorney was given him.

Mr. Davis discovered the defalcation on Wednesday afternoon while looking over his accounts in a desultory way. He made a quiet investigation, and it is alleged discovered other discrepancies in Short's accounts.

After Short's arrest he confessed he had been systematically robbing his employers. He was held in $1,200 bail, on two charges, for a hearing to-day in the Ewen Street Court.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE

Constitutional Amendment Providing for Biennial Sessions Debated in the Senate.

ADVANCED TO THIRD READING

Republican Caucus Amendment Fixing the Salaries of Senators and Assemblymen at $1,000 a Year —The Governor Criticised.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The action of the Republican Senators last night in abolishing majority rule in caucus provoked much comment to-day. If the three-fifths rule is adopted by the Assembly Republicans, forty-seven votes will be required in caucus, as against thirty-nine heretofore. It is believed that this would jeopardize the Constitutional amendment providing for biennial sessions and the anti-Cartoon bill.

It was after midnight when the biennial sessions amendment was agreed upon by the Senatorial caucus by a vote of 27 to 3. This having been disposed of, the question of salaries was taken up. The amendment as originally drawn provided that the salaries should be $1,500 per year, the same as at present. Afterward it was amended so as to provide that the salaries of Senators should be $3,000 for the four years' term and of Assemblymen $1,500 for the two years' term. A further amendment was agreed upon last night making the salaries of Senators and Assemblymen $1,000 per year, or $4,000 for the Senatorial term and $2,000 for the Assembly term. Senator Stranahan offered this amendment in the Senate to-day.

Senator Cantor criticised the Republicans for caucussing upon the question, instead of allowing the Senators to exercise their individual judgment. He charged that much of the bad legislation that had found its way into the statute books was the result of forcing bills through upon the political judgment of a leader. It would be better, he said, if the Governor would comply with the Constitution and use his power to secure a uniform charter for cities of the second class. With such a law it would be possible for the Legislature to conclude its sessions in two months.

He resented as a reflection upon the character of the State the assertion that the Legislature could not be trusted to meet once a year. As to the economical feature, he held that little if anything in the way of saving could be accomplished by biennial sessions. He expressed the hope that the Republican Senators would exercise their own judgment on the matter instead of obeying the mandate of a caucus.

Senator Stranahan said that there was no disposition to make the question a caucus or a party measure. He said that the measure would cost a million dollars a year, and was desired by three-fourths of the people of the State.

Senator Brackett spoke against the advancement of the concurrent resolution, giving it as his conviction that biennial sessions would not save the people of the State a single dollar. He asked how money was to be saved on the publication of the session laws, for instance, when it would cost as much to print 1,000 bills every two years as 500 bills every year.

Senator Stranahan replied: "Legislation breeds legislation. Bad laws have to be amended or repealed." He asked how biennial sessions would curtail legislation, and thus prevent the passage of useless bills.

Senator Brackett asked Senator Stranahan to consider that biennial sessions would destroy the balance of power between the legislative and the executive branches of the Government. "It would decrease the legislative power, and immeasurably increase the executive power," he said. He called special attention to the appointments that the Governor would make during the long recesses of the Legislature, and argued that the proposed change would tend to make the Executive the dictator of the State.

Senator Brackett expressed regret that the present Executive had been identified so closely with a measure that was calculated to increase Executive power. He mildly criticised the Executive for "taking a very deep interest in legislation before it had been introduced."

The measure was then advanced to the order of third reading. It will be reprinted in its amended form and will come up for final passage next week.

BILLS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Previous Service as a Qualification for Engineers.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator Ford to-day introduced a bill making any person who has served as a locomotive engineer or fireman for a period of five years, and who shall have been a resident of New York City, as now constituted, for a period of two years, eligible for examination for a license to act as engineer in the City of New York.

The following bills of interest to New York City were introduced in the Assembly:

Mr. Roche—Authorizing the City of New York to construct a pier at the foot of Market Street, Borough of Manhattan, and authorizing the Dock Department to set apart the pier for the use of the public.

Mr. Raplee—Amending the act providing for a State Board of Pharmacy, by exempting New York City from its provisions.

The following bills of general interest to New York and vicinity were introduced in the Assembly to-day:

Mr. Wallace—Providing for the erection of the County of Nassau, to be composed of that part of Queens County outside of the limits of New York City.

Mr. Brennan—Forbidding a member or officer of any society for the prevention of crime, unless an officer attached to the Police Department of the City of New York or acting for the societies for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, unless such person or officer shall have first obtained the approval of the Chief of Police, to apply for or obtain a warrant from any City Magistrate.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Bills of General Interest Introduced in Senate and Assembly.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—These bills of general interest have been introduced in the Senate:

Senator G. A. Davis, amending the stock corporation law so as to permit a corporation not yet engaged in business, but organized for the purpose of engaging in such business, to sell its franchises.

Senator Cantor, amending the stock corporation law by making the Directors of any stock corporation except a moneyed corporation personally liable for any debt created in excess of the fair value of its assets or for bonds or other obligations issued in excess of the amount authorized by law.

These bills have been introduced in the Assembly:

Mr. Oliver, compelling pharmacists to mark all poisons, chemicals, and medicines dangerous to life by indiscriminate use with cautionary labels giving two of the best obtainable antidotes.

Mr. Griggs, giving the State Superintendent of Public Instruction power to make provision for instructing all pupils in schools under State control in political economy.

Mr. Mullaney, imposing a tax of $50 on the sale of cigarettes and forbidding sales to minors.

Mr. Raplee, providing that any person who, after Feb. 1, 1898, desires to practice osteopathy must spend at least four terms of five months each in an incorporated school of osteopathy.

BILLS PASSED.

Final Action of Both Houses on Various Measures.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The following bills were passed to-day by the Senate:

Senator White—Amending the laws relating to the Syracuse salt springs so as to continue the Superintendent in charge until the lands shall be disposed of.

Senator Brush—Amending the acts relating to the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences so as to change the number of Directors.

Senator Wilcox—Amending the laws in relation to the powers of electric light and power corporations so as to permit extensions beyond city limits.

These bills were passed by the Assembly:

Mr. Chanler—Forbidding the seizure of persons in New York City for debts of less than $50.

Mr. Tremper—Abolishing the office of Coroner in Ulster County.

Mr. Martin—Amending the Code of Civil Procedure relating to the appointment of referees in various cases.

Mr. Hill—Providing penalties for the non-issuance of bills of lading to shippers.

Mr. Mullaney—Incorporating the department command of the Union Veterans' Union of New York.

Senator Wray—Providing that past service as a Municipal Court Justice in New York City shall be a qualification for future service in such office.

INDETERMINATE SENTENCES.

Provided For in a Proposed Amendment to the Penal Code.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator Wilcox today introduced an amendment to the Penal Code which provides for indeterminate sentences to State prisons. It provides that any person over sixteen years of age, who is convicted of a felony and sentenced to a State prison, shall receive an indeterminate sentence, the minimum of which shall not be less than one year, or not less than the minimum fixed by law, and the maximum shall not be more than the longest period fixed by law for the crime. In cases of second offense it is provided that if the crime is punishable by imprisonment for a term less than his natural life, the offender may be sentenced under an indeterminate sentence, the minimum limit of which shall not be less than the longest term fixed by law as a punishment upon first conviction, and the maximum not more than twice such longest term. In all cases of sentences to State prisons the court must limit the maximum term.

In regard to sentences to the Elmira Reformatory, it is provided that any person between sixteen and thirty years of age who may be convicted of a felony, may be sentenced to the reformatory, but the court must fix the maximum limit, which shall not be less than one year and shall not exceed the maximum now prescribed by law for the offense. Such imprisonment may be terminated by the managers of the reformatory as authorized by the prison law, but shall not continue for a longer term than the maximum fixed by the trial court or provided by law for the crime of which the prisoner was convicted.

The amendment provides that no person shall be sent to a penitentiary or county jail for more than one year, or to State prison for a less term than one year.

DOLLAR GAS LEGISLATION.

Suburban Companies Claim to be Losing Money.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator Cantor and Assemblyman Donnelly will move on the floor of the two branches of the Legislature to discharge the committees in charge of their New York City dollar gas bill so that a vote may be taken. The Assembly Committee to-day decided to report favorably the bill of Assemblyman Brennan to reduce the price of electric light in New York City, and in view of this fact it is believed that the dollar gas bill will be reported in a few days.

The various dollar gas bills were considered by the Senate Committee on Miscellaneous Corporations this afternoon. Several persons appeared in behalf of the Brooklyn suburban companies, who claimed that they should not be obliged to supply gas at the same rate as the large corporations within the city.

Edward J. Dooley, representing the Jamaica and Woodhaven companies, presented figures showing that the cost of production and distribution of the former company for the last year was $1.51 and of the latter $1.04 per 1,000 feet. Each charged $1.50, so that the Jamaica company had actually operated at a loss. Charles H. Hyde of the Flatbush company said that the cost of production of his company was $1.08½ and it charged $1.25. The company had paid no dividends since June, 1896. The actual earnings last year amounted to about four cent. on the capital stock, but this had been expended in extensions and improvements. F. McGoldrick, representing the Richmond Hill and Queens County companies, said that the cost of production amounted to $1.56, while they charged but $1.50 per 1,000 feet. The plants had been operated at a loss ever since their establishment.

These representatives were requested to submit additional information as to the capital stock and earnings of their respective companies, and the matter was laid over until next week.

OPPOSITION TO GOOD ROADS.

Albany County Farmers Say They Cannot Afford Them.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Farmers in large numbers, but principally from Albany County, appeared before the joint Committee on Roads and Bridges this afternoon at a hearing upon the Higbie-Armstrong Good Roads bill. Mr. Armstrong, who introduced the bill in the Assembly, spoke at some length, giving a detailed description of the measure and placing special stress on the fact that it does not force good roads upon any town, and that in order to come under its provisions the towns would have to take the initiative.

W. H. Slingerland of Albany County, representing several farmers' societies, made a vigorous attack on all good roads legislation. He objected to the provision of the bill giving control of the work to the State Engineer. "He told you," he said, "that the canal improvement could be made for $9,000,000, and now they say it will take $7,000,000 more to finish it. It will be just the same way with good roads."

Mr. Wagner, another Albany County farmer, objected to the bill because it would increase taxes, because most of the towns owned road scrapers, for which much money had been spent; because dirt roads made with those scrapers were very good, and because he believed that if good roads were built under the provisions of the bill they would be built between large cities, and the cross roads, which needed the improvements the most, would be left as they are.

A dozen farmers from towns in the vicinity of Albany repeated the same arguments, and all of them spoke of the hard times from which farmers are suffering. "We can't afford another cent," said one of the number. "It is a question now with a large number of farmers whether to keep their farms or to step out voluntarily and hand them over to the mortgagees."

A delegation of Tompkins County men favored the bill. Others who spoke for it were J. A. C. Wright of Rochester, Vice President of the National Road Parliament; Supervisor P. M. Powers of Onondaga, Assemblyman Bedell of Orange, W. E. Underhill of Schenectady, ex-Senator Collins of Albany, and State Road Commissioner Budd of New Jersey.

There will be another hearing on the bill next Wednesday.

POWER OF THE CITY COURT.

Measure to Restrict It Advanced in the Senate.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—In the Senate to-day Senator Brackett moved that the Committee on Codes be discharged from consideration of his bill taking from the City Court of New York the right to issue attachments against non-residents of the city upon simple allegations.

Senator Cantor objected, and Senator Malby, Chairman of the Committee on Codes, said that the bill could not be reported, as there was a dead-lock in the committee. Senators Ford and Guy said that there should be a hearing on the bill in committee before action was taken.

Senator Brackett charged that the city members were rallying against the bill, and insisted on his motion to discharge the Committee on Codes. Senator Cantor moved to table Senator Brackett's motion. The motion to table was lost by a vote of 22 to 10. The motion to discharge the committee was carried.

Citizens' League of Brooklyn.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The Citizens' League of the Borough of Brooklyn to-day filed with the Secretary of State a certificate of incorporation. The club is organized to take an active interest in the political affairs of the Borough of Brooklyn and of the City of New York, and to induce foreigners living in this country to become acquainted with its laws and institutions, with a view of qualifying them for citizenship.

The Directors are Max Schaffer, Rudolph Schall, Max Silverman, Jacob Schaffer, Maurice Weitsner, Newman Lasker, Isaac Levine, Aaron Zelenko, Nathan Hirschenson, Morris Katz, Herman Weissbraten, William Keller, Jacob H. Gremdinger, Sigmund Grenich, and Louis Kaplan of Brooklyn.

CORPORATION TAX REBATES

Bill Introduced to Return Money Paid on Capital Not Used in This State.

DEPUTY CONTROLLER OBJECTS

Col. W. J. Morgan Says that Senator Sullivan's Measure Would Upset the Whole Tax System of the State.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator Timothy D. Sullivan introduced to-day a bill which may result in the loss of some of the money the State has collected from the rigid enforcement of the corporation franchise tax, which has proved a profitable source of revenue in the last few years.

The bill authorizes the Court of Claims, in any case where a corporation has heretofore paid the State franchise tax upon its capital stock, to determine from such evidence as it may collect or as may be submitted to it the amount of the tax so paid which was based upon the capital stock employed by such corporation without the State of New York, and to credit the same, together with the penalties and interest paid thereon, in favor of such corporation, which credit may be used and applied in the reduction or discharge of any State tax hereafter accruing against such corporation or its assigns. The provision is made that such credits shall be applied in payment of not more than one-half of the State taxes so accruing in any one year.

When this measure was called to the attention of Col. W. J. Morgan, Deputy Controller, he expressed astonishment that such a bill had ever been introduced. "It is outrageous and absurd," he said, "and I can't believe for a moment that the Legislature will even consider indorsing such a proposition. If the bill should become law it would upset the whole tax system of the State, practically turn the collection of the corporation tax over to the Court of Claims, and give that court more than it could do in ten years in clearing up old contests. It would bring into question every assessment of a tax on any corporation since the franchise tax law was passed, eighteen years ago. Such a thing is not to be thought of."

Under the present law the Controller decides what proportion of a corporation's capital shall pay the State tax. If the corporation disputes his decision a hearing is had, usually before the Deputy Controller, at which the question is argued for the corporation by its counsel and for the State by the Attorney General. From the decision thus arrived at an appeal lies to the Supreme Court, and from there to the Court of Appeals.

In recent years the corporations have adjusted themselves to the payment of this tax to a large extent, but appeals from the assessments levied by the Controller are not infrequent, though comparatively few of them get as far as the Court of Appeals. Senator Sullivan's bill, it is believed, would revive scores of old claims for rebates of taxes which railroad and other companies hold against the State, but which they have never taken to the courts.

PRIMARY ELECTION REFORM.

Regular and Independent Republicans Confer with the Governor.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The conference of regular and independent Republicans to consider legislation for reform of the primaries was held, as arranged, in the Executive Chamber to-night, in response to the invitation of Gov. Black. The party leaders were there, including Speaker O'Grady, Assemblymen Nixon and Armstrong and Senators Ellsworth, Lexow, and Raines. Senator Pavey and Assemblyman Laimbeer were present, representing the anti-machine element. Assemblyman Weekes was invited, but was called to New York this afternoon and could not attend.

Senators Brush and Ford were on hand to speak for their respective bills. The proceedings of the conference were private.

Long Island City Teachers Unpaid.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The State Department of Public Instruction to-day received a complaint from the teachers of the Long Island City public schools that they have not received their salaries since October last. The department is powerless to act in the matter. Its only weapon would be to withhold the State public school money from Long Island City, but that municipality has ceased to exist, and the department does not feel justified in taking any such measure against New York City.

Charter Day Bill Introduced.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator Cantor to-day introduced the bill making Charter Day, the 4th of May next, a legal holiday in the counties embraced in the City of New York. Senator Cantor said an erroneous impression seemed to prevail in New York that this bill proposed to make this day a legal holiday each year. The bill relates only to the 4th of May this year.

$50,000 for Soldiers' Memorials.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The Governor to-day signed Mr. Hixon's bill reappropriating the appropriation of $50,000 for memorial structures in honor of New York State troops, which thus becomes Chapter 7 of the Laws of 1898.

Aide to Major Gen. Roe.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Major Gen. Roe today appointed Capt. Chauncey Pratt Williams of this city as aide de camp on his staff, with the rank of Major. This will necessitate the resignation of Capt. Williams as commander of the Third Signal Corps.

Syracuse Ward Boundaries.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator White's bill changing the ward boundaries of Syracuse was passed by the Assembly to-day by a vote of 77 to 58, the affirmative side having just one vote to spare. The passage of the bill was preceded by a lively partisan discussion, in the course of which the Democrats several times appealed from the rulings of Speaker O'Grady. The bill now goes to the Governor.

Legislative Notes.

Assemblyman Mitchell of New York yesterday introduced an amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure, repealing that portion which exempts corporations, both foreign and domestic, from being brought up in supplementary proceedings, except in a proceeding by the people of the State.

The bill of Assemblyman Gale to tax all trust companies in the State, which has been under discussion before the Taxation Committee of the Assembly, was reported favorably yesterday, and then, for reasons which Mr. Gale said he did not understand, was recommitted. Chairman Brennan said that several trust companies had asked for a hearing on the bill.

The Senate Committee on Miscellaneous Corporations and the Assembly Committee on Electricity, Gas, and Water Supply will report favorably to-day Assemblyman T. P. Sullivan's bill incorporating Eugene Treadwell, Nathan Ottinger, Herman J. Katz, Franklin De Frece, and Edgar M. Johnson under the name of the New York Water and Electric Power Company.

The Committee on Taxation of the Assembly, to the surprise of the Democratic members, did not report yesterday the Stranahan bill providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the State tax system. Chairman Brennan said it had been decided to hold the bill until such time as there could be more discussion. The Democrats allege that the idea is to keep off any such commission a representative from New York City.

Respite for a Murderer.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 17.—Christopher Merry, the peddler who was to be hanged to-morrow for wife murder, was respited to-day for sixty days by Gov. Tanner. Merry's lawyers asked for time to appeal to the Supreme Court.

CASTORIA.

Bears the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. In use for over thirty years.

POLITICAL FIGHT BREWING

McLaughlin May Take Advantage of Milne's Appointment to Oppose Tammany.

DALTON AND MOFFETT TALK

The Deputy Commissioner Says He Will Cause Milne's Removal and Replace Him with a Machine Man or Know Why.

There is every prospect that unless either Commissioner of Water Supply Dalton or Deputy Commissioner Moffett of Brooklyn backs down in the stand he has taken over the appointment of Peter Milne as engineer in charge of the distribution of water, a pretty fight between Tammany and the Brooklyn contingent will be the result.

Every one but the persons directly interested acknowledges that Hugh McLaughlin intends to see to it that his adherents get a large slice of the patronage over the river, and that the placing of Milne in a position which was particularly sought after by one of McLaughlin's closest friends is a slap at the boss's plans he will not brook. The fact that Milne is an acknowledged Republican serves only to complicate matters more seriously, and Deputy Commissioner Moffett, who is a machine man all through, and says so, intends to make a fight for the machine on this matter.

Mr. Moffett says the place held by Milne shall go to a Democrat, and a machine Democrat, or he will know the reason why. He will by no means resign or submit to removal until he has fought the Milne matter out.

Unless they come to an agreement, the Corporation Counsel will be asked to interpret those sections of the charter which are in dispute.

Politics, however, cuts the main figure, especially when it is known that Harry Hawkes, who was for many years connected with the Brooklyn City Government and who is one of Boss McLaughlin's lieutenants, is a candidate for the place. That Hawkes stands in this position was acknowledged by Deputy Commissioner Moffett, who is close enough to the boss to be Chairman of the Kings County Democratic Committee.

Mr. Dalton Talks.

Both Commissioner Dalton and Deputy Commissioner Moffett made clear statements yesterday of the trouble arising over Milne. Before Commissioner Dalton began his recital he called into the room Chief Engineer Birdsall, to whom he referred for corroboration of his statement.

"The first thing I knew of Mr. Milne," said Commissioner Dalton, "was early in January, when Deputy Commissioner Moffett called on me and requested that Milne be transferred from the Department of Sewers, where he had been assigned at the conference of the Mayors, to the Water Department. Mr. Moffett told me that he was new in his department; that Milne, who was formerly Chief Engineer of the Department, was a good man, and would be of invaluable assistance to him, and urged me to have the transfer made. He came several times after that and urged the transfer so strongly that finally on Jan. 12 I brought the matter up before the board, and the transfer was made, being acquiesced in by Commissioner Kane and myself.

"On Jan. 24 Mr. Birdsall was designated Chief Engineer for Greater New York, and thereafter the charge of the department, in so far as it affected the appointment of subordinates, passed practically under his control. On Feb. 1 Mr. Moffett sent me a list of persons whom he had removed, and I found Milne's name on the list of removals. I acquiesced in all the other removals recommended except Milne's, for under the charter, as I understand it, Mr. Moffett had no right to make this removal. As I did not sanction the removal, Milne still remained an employe, and is and always has been one, whether Mr. Moffett recognizes him or not.

Mr. Moffett's Non-Recognition.

"On Monday I sent a letter to Mr. Moffett (which was shown) designating Milne as Engineer in Charge of Water Distribution. I have not heard anything since then, although I understand Mr. Moffett will not recognize the incumbent. How he can help doing so I do not know. If Milne is a Republican and holds office it is entirely the fault of Mr. Moffett, for he must have known that he was one on Jan 1 as well as on Feb. 1. He urged the transfer, and if had it made to suit him. Now the matter has passed into the hands of Chief Engineer Birdsall."

Commissioner Dalton positively denied that there had been any talk or correspondence between him and his deputy relative to the latter's removal or resignation, and he said he did not think the matter would go so far. He said his record as a Democrat and a Tammany Hall man was known, and this was sufficient to make it understood that he would not appoint any Republicans. He declined also to go into any discussion of the political phase of the case, saying it had no significance.

Deputy Commissioner Moffett's statement of his side of the case makes it appear that he had entirely another scheme in view when he asked for Milne's transfer to his department.

"When I took hold," he said, "I found a number of men who had been designated to the sewer department who did not belong there. Among them was Milne, and I asked that he be put back where he belonged, in the water department. I wanted a chief engineer for this borough, and so designated Milne, but when Mr. Birdsall was made chief that took the matter out of my hands, and I simply abolished the office held by Milne. When Mr. Dalton, in the face of such action on my part, designated Milne as Chief of Water Distribution, I considered that he had offered me an affront, for in so designating him he practically acquiesced with me in his removal as chief engineer, and he was out of the department. The appointment of a chief of water distribution, which is the same office as the old Water Purveyor, rests with me, and I am determined to make the appointment. There is no need of an engineer in that place. It was always held by a plumber, and I mean that a layman shall get it, and that layman will be a Democrat, and a machine Democrat at that.

"Mr. Birdsall seems determined that engineers shall have all the clerical places, and I am equally determined that they shall not."

Politics in the Game.

"Is it not a fact, then, that you had Mr. Milne put on your department lists so that he could be more easily removed?" was asked of Mr. Moffett.

"No, I will not say quite that."

Then the Deputy Commissioner added significantly: "There are a lot of things that Mr. Dalton could have told you that he did not, and a lot more that I could tell, but I will not. I will not say whether that means politics or not.

"I am going to see Mr. Dalton to-morrow, and I think, after what I have to say, this matter will be straightened out."

Senator McCarren will return to-day from his Florida conference with Boss McLaughlin, and Mr. Moffett may take counsel with him before he sees his chief. It was said yesterday that if this squabble comes to the attention of Mayor Van Wyck he will settle the whole matter by removing Moffett and giving his place to a man who will take orders from Tammany instead of Willoughby Street. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the Mayor has no personal quarrel with the Boss, and that his brother, Justice Van Wyck, expects a renomination next Fall from the Brooklyn organization.

Died in a Drug Store.

Mrs. Augusta Saulborn, fifty-four years old, who kept a fancy store at 909 First Avenue, with her son and daughter went to the West Side Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association to hear a concert last night. The woman was taken ill just as she entered the building, and was assisted by her son to a drug store at 977 Eighth Avenue. She died there half an hour later. A physician who was called said death was due to heart disease.

Schooner Samuel W. Tilton Lost.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 17.—The schooner Samuel W. Tilton, Capt. Smith, from Charleston for Baltimore with phosphate, stranded this morning off Chicamico Life Saving Station. The crew was saved, but the vessel is a complete wreck.

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AT THE HOTELS.

EMPIRE—Hoke Smith, Atlanta.

HOLLAND—John De Koven, Chicago; D. A. Kellar, Louisville, Ky.

MANHATTAN—D. M. Ferry, Detroit.

WALDORF—Lionel del Pinto, London; Dr. T. F. Harrington, Louisville; Col. Thomas A. Dodge, United States Army.

WINDSOR—Samuel W. Cummings, Boston; Alexander Dewhurst, Shipton, England.

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Arthur & Sternberg, St. Paul, Minn.; A. Sternberg, notions; Union Square Hotel.
Brown, F. H., & Co., Fort Smith, Ark.; B. M. Brown, dry goods; Broadway Central Hotel.
Brown, F. M., & Co., New Haven, Conn.; D. S. Gamble, dry goods, &c.; 108 Worth Street; Hoffman House.
Bloss, Gus, & Co., Little Rock, Ark.; G. Bloss, notions, clothing, and furnishing goods; 54 Franklin Street; Hotel Marlborough.
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Back, J. D., & Brother, Little Rock, Ark.; J. D. Back, dry goods and shoes; Hotel Metropole.
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Blumenthal Brothers & Co., Philadelphia, Penn.; S. Blumenthal, clothing; Hoffman House.
Bacon, Campbell & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.; P. J. Meyer, white goods and linens; St. Denis Hotel.
Black, J. D., & Brother, Little Rock, Ark.; J. D. Black, dry goods; Hotel Metropole.
Chatman, Kendall & Daniels, Boston, Mass.; J. A. Sparrow, linens and white goods; Broadway Central Hotel.
Cannon, W. A., & Co., Lexington, Ky.; W. A. Cannon, notions and dry goods; Broadway Central Hotel.
Cohn, M. M., & Co., Little Rock, Ark.; E. Cohn, notions and fancy goods; 258 Church Street; Hotel Marlborough.
Denholm & McKay Co., The, Worcester, Mass.; Miss Waite, underwear and corsets; 2 Walker Street; Hotel Normandie.
Fox, G., & Co., Hartford, Conn.; M. F. Marks, cloaks and suits; 45 Lispenard Street; St. Cloud Hotel.
Gemmill, Burnham & Co., Hartford, Conn.; E. F. Burnham, clothing; Murray Hill Hotel.
Hays, H. A., & Co., Rochester, N. Y.; H. A. Hays, cloths; Hoffman House.
Hall, J. D., Dry Goods Company, Sedalia, Mo.; J. D. Hall, dry goods; Hotel Imperial.
Heiser, Muhlfelder & Co., Albany, N. Y.; J. Muhlfelder, furnishing goods, notions, and fancy goods; Hotel Imperial.
Hamburger Brothers & Co., Baltimore, Md.; L. Hamburger, woolens; Leon Hamburger, woolens; Hotel Marlborough.
Jones, W. E., Raleigh, N. C.; clothing and shoes; New York Hotel.
Jordan, Marsh & Co., Boston, Mass.; H. White, lamps; J. Johnson, stationery and jewelry; Miss Walters, worsteds and art goods; 8 Greene Street.
Jacobs, M. E., & Co., Delaware, Ohio; M. Wolf, cloaks and millinery; 484 Broadway.
Kaufman Brothers, Pittsburg, Penn.; M. J. Cunningham, silks; 699 Broadway; Hotel Cadillac.
Kahn Dry Goods Company, The, Shreveport, La.; S. Dreyfuss, notions, furnishing goods, laces, and upholstery goods; 513 Broadway; Hotel Metropole.
King, Brinsmade & Co., St. Louis, Mo.; H. B. King, millinery, notions, and ladies' furnishing goods; 622 Broadway; Hotel Imperial.
Lewis, A. T., & Son, Denver, Col.; J. P. Davies, dry goods; Hotel Cadillac.
Lowenstein & Marks, Kirksville, Mo.; B. H. Lowenstein, clothing; St. Cloud Hotel.
Lit Brothers, Philadelphia, Penn.; Miss Spatz, ladies' and infants' wear; 96 Spring Street; Hotel Vendome.
Landsberg, W., & Son, Winchester, Ky.; T. Landsberg, dry goods; Grand Union Hotel.
Lederer, Strauss & Co., Des Moines, Iowa; M. Strauss, millinery; Hotel Marlborough.
Martin, T. S., Company, Sioux City, Iowa; J. P. Martin, cloaks and furs; Hotel Manhattan.
Maas & Kemper, Baltimore, Md.; A. Maas, cloaks and suits; Hotel Marlborough.
Milliniser Manufacturing Company, Richmond, Va.; A

THE RICHARDSON FORTUNE

Homer Nicholls's Testimony to be Disputed at the Will Contest Hearing.

NELSON, THE NURSE, TESTIFIES

The Announcement of Counsel for Mrs. Emma J. Richardson, the Widow, Gives a Somewhat Sensational Aspect to the Case.

A serious and somewhat sensational aspect was given to the hearing in the Joseph Richardson will case, before Surrogate Fitzgerald, yesterday, by the declaration of Charles F. Darlington, who is associated with De Lancey Nicoll as counsel for Mrs. Emma J. Richardson, the widow of the "spite-house" millionaire, that he intends to prove that Homer Nicholls has given false testimony.

Mr. Nicholls represents the house of Bissell & Co., brokers, in Broad Street. He is the chief witness in the other proceedings, taken by the administrator of Mr. Richardson's estate, to discover the whereabouts and value of the estate, and if his testimony is successfully impeached the whole matter of the disposition and whereabouts of the Richardson millions will again be left wide open for all kinds of surmises.

Mr. Nicholls is a man whose character has been considered beyond the possibility of reproach, and his statements have been accepted by common consent as unquestionable. Yesterday he was squarely contradicted in several important matters by another witness, whose character seems to be unquestionable—Cortez Nelson, the nurse, who was with Mr. Richardson constantly for weeks before his death. Nelson is the most satisfactory witness for his own lawyers who has yet appeared, his answers to all questions being prompt, clear cut, and decisive.

Mrs. Buschman's Testimony.

Mrs. Emma Buschman at the morning session concluded her testimony begun the evening before. She told of conversations she had with the Richardsons a short time before Mr. Richardson's death, and said she considered him rational. On cross-examination Mr. Fox of counsel for the contestants asked her if it was not her habit to tell a great deal. She laughed heartily, but some of her friends in the courtroom were much aggrieved, and murmured "insulting," the women taking the insinuation to heart especially.

Nelson was the next witness. His evidence was filtered through a network of objections by counsel for contestants. A hot discussion between the lawyers ended in the blunt declaration by Mr. Darlington, counsel for Mrs. Richardson, that he intended to prove that Mr. Nicholls had sworn falsely.

Nelson told of a conversation between Delia Richardson and Dr. Disbrow, during which the doctor told the woman that she was killing her father by her violent methods. He said he was present at the conversations during which Mr. Nicholls testified that Mr. Richardson had manifested hallucinations that he was in some other city than New York. He denied that Mr. Richardson said the things attributed to him by Mr. Nicholls, and said he gave no sign of being irrational.

Mr. Peckham's Question.

He told of several trips down town with the Richardsons. On one of these he said he heard Wheeler H. Peckham ask Mrs. Richardson if she intended to sign away her rights in her husband's vast estate for $50,000. She considered a while, and said "No."

On that occasion the party lunched at the Savarin, Mrs. Richardson paying for her husband and herself. Mr. Richardson objected to the expense, and said he could get all he wanted for 10 cents, but could not climb the stairs to find a cheap place.

Mr. Richardson, during his last illness, complained much that he got no letters. He also expressed a wish to see his niece and his granddaughter, George Richardson's daughter. George said he did not bring his daughter to the house because he could not afford her car fare.

The hearing was continued to March 7.

HOUSE CURRENCY BILL.

Its Preparation Intrusted to a Sub-Committee of the Banking and Currency Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The House Banking and Currency Committee has finished the hearings accorded the four members of the committee who are authors of currency measures.

A sub-committee, consisting of James T. McCleary of Minnesota, Chairman; George W. Prince of Illinois, and John Murray Mitchell of New York, has been appointed to draft the general currency measure to be pushed at this session.

The sub-committee will hold daily sessions till the bill is framed, and it is expected that the committee will be abe to report to the House in about a fortnight.

THE KANSAS PACIFIC SALE.

Passage by the Senate of Turpie's Resolution Disapproving of Its Terms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Turpie Kansas Pacific Railroad resolution, offered Feb. 15, passed the Senate to-day by a vote of 34 to 29. The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, As the opinion of the Senate that the sale of the Kansas Pacific division of the Pacific Railroad, made to-day, ought not to be confirmed except upon the terms that the original claims and the interest thereon due to the United States from each of the companies forming the Kansas Pacific Division be paid in full by the bidders.

Mr Thurston, (Rep., Neb.,) who took part in the discussion preceding the vote of the resolution, pointed out that against the entire debt to the Government of the Union Pacific Railroad, which included the Kansas Pacific branch, amounting to $71,000,000, the sales of the main and branch lines would return to the Government $65,000,000, or 91 per cent. of the road's indebtedness, principal and interest.

This, Mr. Thurston held, was a piece of good financiering on the part of the Treasury. He said, moreover, he was informed upon the value of the road and all the details bearing upon that value than any other official of the Government, in Congress or out. He pointed out that if the sale of the Kansas Pacific were not confirmed the President would have no other alternative than to redeem the first mortgage bonds, and thus, instead of having in the Treasury more than $6,000,000 as a result of the sale, the Government would have to invest about $7,000,000 more in cash to rdeem the first mortgage bonds, and then would have on its hands a property that was of so little value as compared with what some Senators imagined that it is single one of the great railroads centring in Kansas City thought enough of it to venture a bid upon it at the sale yesterday.

Replying to Mr. Thurston, Mr. Harris (Pop., Kan.,) read a telegram he had received last night from Topeka, as follows: "Government lien sold here. Special messenger sent to St. Louis to have Sanborn approve sale in the morning."

Mr. Harris said he did not know what practical effect the passage of the pending resolution might have, but it was evident that the purchasers were manifesting remarkable haste to secure the confirmation of the sale.

The vote on the resolution was cast as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, (Pop., Neb.,) Baker, (Rep., Kan.,) Bate, (Dem., Tenn.,) Berry, (Dem., Ark.,) Cannon, (Rep., Utah,) Chilton, (Dem., Texas,) Clay, (Dem., Ga.,) Davis, (Rep., Minn.,) Gorman, (Dem., Md.,) Harris, (Pop., Kan.,) Heitfeld, (Pop., Idaho,) Jones, (Dem., Ark.,) Kenney, (Dem., Del.,) Kyle, (Ind., S. D.,) Mallory, (Dem., Fla.,) Martin, (Rep., Mont.,) Martin, (Dem., Va.,) Mills, (Dem., Texas,) Mitchell, (Dem., Wis.,) Money, (Dem., Miss.,) Morgan, (Dem., Ala.,) Nelson, (Rep., Minn.,) Pasco, (Dem., Fla.,) Perkins, (Rep., Cal.,) Pettigrew, (S. Rep., S. D.,) Pettus, (Dem., Ala.,) Rawlins, (Dem., Utah,) Roach, (Dem., N. D.,) Teller, (S. Rep., Col.,) Tillman, (Dem., S. C.,) Turley, (Dem., Tenn.,) Turner, (Pop., Wash.,) Turple, (Dem., Md.,) Vest, (Dem., Mo.)—34.

Nays—Messrs. Carter, (Rep., Mont.,) Chandler, (Rep., N. H.,) Clark, (Rep., Wyo.,) Deboe, (Rep., Ky.,) Elkins, (Rep., West Va.,) Fairbanks, (Rep., Ind.,) Foraker, (Rep., Ohio,) Frye, (Rep., Me.,) Gallinger, (Rep., N. H.,) Gear, (Rep., Iowa.,) Gray, (Dem., Del.,) Hanna, (Rep., Ohio,) Hansbrough, (Rep., N. D.,) Hoar, (Rep., Mass.,) Lindsay, (Dem., Ky.,) Lodge, (Rep., Mass.,) McBride, (Rep., Ore.,) McMillan, (Rep., Mich.,) Mason, (Rep., Ill.,) Morrill, (Rep., Vt.,) Platt, (Rep., Conn.,) Proctor, (Rep., Vt.,) Quay, (Rep., Penn.,) Sewell, (Rep., N. J.,) Stewart, (Sil., Nev.,) Thurston, (Rep., Neb.,) Warren, (Rep., Wyo.,) Wilson, (Rep., Wash.,) and Wolcott, (Rep., Col.) —29.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 17.—The Eastern Division of the Kansas Pacific Road, 140 miles in length, was sold under the first mortgage to-day at the Union Pacific station in North Topeka. Judge W. D. Cornish of St. Paul, special master, conducted the sale, and the property was bought in by Alvin W. Kreck, on the part of the Reorganization Committee, for $4,500,000. The same party of attorneys and railway men that witnessed the sale of the road under the Government lien yesterday were present to-day. The sale of the Middle Division will take place to-morrow at Salina, Kan.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Collector of Customs for the District of Boston and Charlestown, Mass.—GEORGE H. LYMAN.

Consul at Sierra Leone, Africa—JOHN T. WILLIAMS of North Carolina.

Assistant Surgeons, Marine Hospital Service—H. B. PARKER of Delaware, J. F. ANDERSON of Virginia, L. L. LUMSDEN of Virginia, M. H. FOSTER of Pennsylvania, and E. H. VON EZDORF of the District of Columbia.

Navy—Capt. H. C. COCHRAN to be Major; First Lieut. L. KARMANY, to be Captain; Second Lieut. W. C. DAWSON, to be First Lieutenant, all in the Marine Corps.

Bankruptcy Debate in House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The House yesterday proceeded with the debate on the Bankruptcy bill. Mr. Moody (Rep., Mass.,) spoke in favor of the bill. The other speakers were Messrs. Alexander, (Rep., N. Y.,) Broderick, (Rep., Kan.,) Knox, (Rep., Mass.,) and Dolliver, (Rep., Iowa.) in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Smith, (Dem., Ky.,) Wilson, (Dem., S. C.,) Sparkman, (Dem., Fla.,) Settle, (Dem., Ky.,) and Bartlett, (Dem., Ga.,) against it.

Congressional Notes.

The Senate will take a vote Feb. 28 on the proposition that Mr. Corbett of Oregon is not entitled to a seat.

The House yesterday agreed to the Senate amendments to the Deficiency Appropriation bill providing for court fees.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Thurston (Rep., Neb.,) presented a joint resolution providing for a commission to supervise the collection of a fund among all the schools and colleges of the United States for the purpose of erecting a monument to Gen. Lafayette in the City of Paris, France, the same to be presented to the Government of France and unveiled and dedicated on the Fourth of July, 1900.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Fourth-class Postmasters for New York offices have been appointed as follows:

NEW YORK—Barnes, Joseph T. Kings; Berwyn, L. L. Woodford; Camilius, Austin E. Daniels; Casadaga, Leroy M. Smith; De Wittville, Harry D. Spring; Sandusky, Perry D. Merrill; Solvay, Abraham Van Heusen; West Verley, Ward B. Everet; Zeland, Edward L. Williams.

TRIANGULAR COLLEGE RACE.

Yale, Harvard, and Cornell Crews to Meet at New London June 23 or 24.

ITHACA, Feb. 17.—Coach Courtney of the Cornell crew to-night received the following telegram from Prof. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, who, together with Capt. Colson, is in New York to-day, representing Cornell in the conferences with representatives of the Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, and Columbia crews, relative to the intercollegiate races next Summer:

"Cornell will row Harvard and Yale in a triangular race June 23 or 24, at New London. Will also row Pennsylvania and Columbia, either at Saratoga or Poughkeepsie, July 1."

The coach was delighted. The Cornell athletes are entirely satisfied with the result of the negotiations. Coach Courtney said, to-night:

"I am glad that matters have resulted as they have. Prof. Wheeler states that everything was arranged satisfactorily, and now we will prepare to do all we can to win again this year. I am sure that the public will heartily welcome the triangular meet between the three leading college crews of America, and I have no doubt that the contest will prove fully as interesting as last year's. The result of the negotiations, however, places Cornell in an even more embarrassing position than last year. This arises from the fact that she will have two races, not on the same waters, but a long distance apart. The extra expense of transferring the crews and the unpleasantness of keeping the men in training until July 1 will have to be endured."

Coach Courtney will begin earnest work with the 'Varsity crew at once.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 17.—It was announced to-night by Capt. Goodrich of the Harvard crew, after his return from a conference in New York, that an agreement had been reached for a triangular race with Yale and Cornell over the New London course, the race to take place in the week of June 20. Capt. Goodrich was questioned as to other agreements for future races, but refused to deny or affirm that any had been made. The announcement was received with the greatest satisfaction by the college.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC RULES.

Meeting to be Held To-day in Providence to Consider Them.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—George S. Patterson, H. Taussat Geyelin, and Charles McKeehan, the delegates appointed by the University of Pennsylvania Athletic Committee to represent Pennsylvania at the conference to be held in Providence to-morrow afternoon, left here to-night. Princeton, Harvard, Cornell, and Columbia also will be represented. Each will have three delegates—one for the Faculty, one for the graduates, and one for the undergraduates.

The meeting will consider the question of rules as to eligibility to govern candidates for teams in all branches of sport.

Pennsylvania and Harvard already have comprehensive and similar rules on this subject, which have been in operation for the last three or four years, and which were the result of a conference held in 1893 between Harvard and Pennsylvania. It is said to be probable that these rules will be recommended as a basis upon which to formulate as far as possible the general rules to govern in this question.

U. S. GOLFERS IN SESSION.

Morristown Gets the Amateur Championship and Ardsley the Women's.

Nearly 100 of America's prominent golfers assembled at Delmonico's, Fifth Avenue and Forty-fourth Street, last night, where the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association was held. Several questions called for lengthy and spirited discussion, of which one of the most important was the location of the amateur championship event for this year. Both the Morris County Golf Club of Morristown, N. J., and St. Andrew's of Yonkers made strong pleas for the honor. After a lively discussion the choice fell to the Morris County Club by a vote of 17 to 13.

The selection of the links for the open championship was left to the Executive Committee to determine and announce at a later date. The Ardsley and Knollwood Clubs applied for the women's championship, and Ardsley won the prize by a large majority.

A majority of the associate club members voted to hold the amateur and open championship contests on different dates, within three months of each other. The amendment increasing the Executive Committee from five to seven members was adopted. A challenge from the Royal Canadian Golf Association for an international team contest was left to the Executive Committee for final action

All the officers suggested by the Nominating Committee were unanimously elected. Lawrence Curtis of the Brookline Country Club, Boston, was re-elected to the Presidency, and the other officers are: Ransom H. Thomas, Morris County Golf Club, N. J., and Charles B. Macdonald of Chicago, Vice Presidents; Robert B. Kerr, Lakewood, Secretary; George D. Fowle, Philadelphia Country Club, Treasurer; extra members of the Executive Committee—John Reid, St. Andrew's, and Henry May, Washington (D. C.) Golf Club. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $2,757.74.

THE GARDEN HORSE SALE

The "War Scare" Causes a Falling Off in Bidding by Country Buyers.

DAN CUPID IS WITHDRAWN

The Owner Bid In His Own Horse for $6,050, His Limit Being Above That Figure—Hood's McGregor Sells for Only $700.

The sale of trotters and pacers at Madison Square Garden yesterday was not so productive of big prices as that of Wednesday, for, aside from the fact that the class of horses was not so high, the bidders, who are horsemen from all parts of the country, attracted to the city by the sale, were worked up to a state of frenzy by the afternoon papers. The newsboys reaped a harvest selling half-hourly editions which announced that war with Spain would be declared within a few hours. Many of the visitors were from small towns in New England and in the West, and, having never before seen the continuous performance sheets, they accepted as fact everything they read and lost interest in the sale to discuss the "impending war."

The local dealers, however, welcomed this state of affairs, for they paid no attention to the papers, and secured some good horses at bargain prices, while the out-of-town buyers were looking for late editions.

Among the horses which sold cheaply was Hood's McGregor, that, it was thought, would bring at least $2,000. He was sold for $700 to W. R. Janiver. Dan Cupid, with a trotting record of 2:09¼, was bid up to $6,000, but as that was below his reserve figure, his owner, william Kelly, bid him in for an additional $50. The horses which brought $200 or over are the following:

Day Bell, (trotter, 2:20½,) blk. h., 6, by Palo Alto-Beautiful Bells, by The Moor; Eugene McKenna, New Haven, Conn.... $650
Orme, (trotter,) b. g., 6, by Stamboul-Four Corners, by Mambrino Time; R. Blumenthal, Hartford, Conn.... 410
Hazel Mac, (trotter, 2:20,) br. m., 6, by Clonmore-Kate, by Wheeler Horse; Charles B. Kelr.... 675
Bellona, (trotter, 2:17½,) b. h., 10, by Belden Boy-Molly Miner, by Steinbok; Barney Demarest, Boston.... 300
Honest George, (trotter, 2:14½,) b. g., 13, by Albert Nanny Crowder; John Gibson, Philadelphia.... 1,225
Waco, (trotter, 2:16¼,) b. h., 13, by Ereliong-Joy, by George Wilkes; Charles Smith, Verona, N. J.... 320
Maxine Elliott, (pacer,) br. m., 6 years, by Earl Medium-dam by Alcyone; J. S. Murray, Chester, N. Y.... $370
Ollie, (trotter, 2:19,) ch. m., 5, by Barney Wilkes-dam by Alvin; J. Weill.... 900
Emeer, (trotter, 2:22,) ch. m., 5, by Ambassador-Eminence, by Empire; W. R. Janiver.... 400
Lady Simmons, (trotter,) br. f., 4, by Simmons-dam by Artillery; Samuel Gamble, San Francisco.... 225
Vino, (trotter, 2:21¼,) b. m., 8, by Vaidaspeer-Addie Wilkes, by Hal Wilkes; Edward Malley, New Haven.... 410
Willie Will, (trotter,) b. f., 4, by Cecilian-Laura Wilkes, by Young Wilkes; T. C. Ward, East Orange, N. J.... 200
Frank Stout, 2:24, and Sister Mary, 2:25, (trotters,) respectively 6 and 5 years, both by Earl-Amanda, by Swathmore; E. Riley, Paterson, N. J.... 975
Nelly Howard, (trotter, 2:18¾,) br. m., 12, by General Stanton-Nelly T., by Fulton; John Minden.... 250
Ansel Chief, (trotter,) b. h., 8, by Ansel-Gretchen, by Yorktown; M. McDonald.... 1,200
Martha H., (trotter,) ch. m., 10, by Egmont-Dora Ball, by Hartford Hambletonian; Max Gross, Berlin, Germany.... 260
Hood of Oregon, (trotter, 2:20¾,) ch. h., 10, by Robert McGregor-Sally Denmark, by Star Denmark; W. R. Janiver.... 700
J. E. B., (trotter, 2:46,) br. g., 8, by Job Stewart, dam Nicolla Chief; and Pril C., (trotter,) br. g., by Cyclone-Birthday, by Victor Bismark; Capt. W. C. Harrington, Troy, N. Y.... 1,000
Monte Cristo, (pacer, 2:18¼,) b. g., 9, by Little Wonder-Orphan Girl, by Bob Ridley, Jr.; E. Quirk, Cedarhurst, L. I.... 335
Answer, (trotter, 2:14¾,) b. g., 11, by Ansel-Flora, by Hambletonian; I. P. Richards, Phillipsburg, N. J.... 510
Clemmie Deil, (trotter,) b. m., 6, by Delmarch-Electa, by Candlelight; C. Davidson, Springfield, Mass.... 335
Naniva, (trotter,) br. f., 3, by Charles Derby-Clytie, by Nutwood; Fred Isabel, Readville, Mass.... 200
William M. Lee, (trotter,) br. g., 4, by Charles Derby-Directress, by Director; W. M. Wilson.... 600
Lane Wilkes, (trotter,) ch. c., 2, by Red Wilkes-Miss Lenty, by Mambrino Patchen; J. H. Osternhaut, Troy, N. Y.... 360
Warren McGregor, (trotter, 2:20¾,) b. h., 6, by Robert McGregor-Oriena, by Egbert; A. P. Fuser, Newark, N. J.... 535
Russell Egbert, (trotter, 2:15½,) ch. c., by Mambrino Russell-Oriena, by Egbert; Thomas Butler, Jersey City.... 400
Bon Ton, (trotter,) b. g., by Constantine-Bon Bon, by Bayard; C. Davidson, city.... 415
Pearl J., (trotter, 2:20¾,) b. m., 9, by Acolyte-Begonia, by Marid; John McGuire.
Ollie B., (trotter, 2:17¾,) b. m., 10, by Valiant, dam by Fordham; C. Davidson.... 375
Susie Hill, (trotter, 2:17¼,) blk. m., 8, Edgehill-Diamond Maid, by Black Diamond; Fred Steinway.... 350
Don Monteith, (trotter, 2:20¾,) b. h., 13, by Electioneer-Mamie C., by Hercules; Harry Shults, East Williston, L. I.... 1,225
Voultine, (trotter,) b m., 6, by Epaulet-Olinda, by Volunteer; J. H. Osternhaut, Troy, N. Y.... 210
Roxie Woodnut, (trotter,) b. m., 6 by Woodnut-Sophia, by Nutnut; William Walter, Newark, N. J.... 245
Chadnus, (pacer, 2:20¾,) br. g., by Bayonne Prince-Ulster Belle, by Ethan Allen; L. H. Patterson.... 375
Where reference is made to the Sire, dam or grandsire of any horse, the name of the dam of such horse is given in parentheses. 500

Racing at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Racing at Oakland:

FIRST RACE.—Selling. Eleven-sixteenths of a mile. Biggs won, Elmore second, Plumera third. Time—1:08½.

SECOND RACE.—Selling. One mile. Merinel won, Duke of York II. second, Benito third. Time—1:41¾.

THIRD RACE.—Purse. Half a mile. Elmidee won, The Miller second, Amoltepec third. Time—0:48¼.

FOURTH RACE.—Selling. Mile and an eighth. Collins won, Ray Del Tierra second, Paul Pry third. Time—1:54½.

FIFTH RACE.—Purse. Seven furlongs. Senator Bland won, Flashlight second, Lord Marmion third. Time—1:27¾.

SIXTH RACE.—Selling. Eleven-sixteenths of a mile. R. Q. Ban won, Howard second, Don't Skip Me third. Time—1:07¾.

A FAST GAME OF HOCKEY.

New Yorkers Beat the Shamrocks at the Ice Palace.

One of the best games of hockey ever played in a local ring resulted in a victory for the Hockey Club of New York over the Shamrocks of Montreal by a score of 1 to 0 at the Ice Palace, One Hundred and Seventh Street and Lexington Avenue, last night.

The Shamrocks defeated the New Yorks early in the week, but last night the local team played as fast as the Canadians. In the first half the puck was seldom out of the visitors' territory. B. Phillips scored what proved to be the winning goal ten minutes after play began. He was aided by De Casanova and Russell.

In the second half the play was very rough. Brown of the Canadians and Russell of the home team were ruled off the field for resorting to rough tactics. B. Phillips was cross checked by Hall and thrown heavily. He was carried off the ice, but recovered.

Naval Reserves Lose at Hockey.

The Montclair Athletic Club hockey team defeated the Naval Reserves at the St. Nicholas Rink last night by a score of 2 to 0. During a scrimmage in the second half G. Hoonfeck of the Montclair team was struck over the eye with a stick and badly cut. He was compelled to retire.

Knickerbocker A. C. Ladies' Day.

The regular monthly "Ladies' day" at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club yesterday brought out a large number of pretty women. The clubhouse was crowded after 8 o'clock last evening. The main attraction was the minstrel show given by the members in the cozy little theatre. The afternoon entertainment consisted of exhibitions on the parallel bars by P. Buolo, G. A. Salmon, Daniel Reuss, and T. E. Blakeley; wrestling by Thomas Ward and G. A. Salmon; pole vaulting by Daniel Reuss and S. K. Thomas, and a clever contortionist act by W. G. Kinschert. The basket ball game between the Knickerbocker Athletic Club and Mount Morris Club resulted favorably for the former by a score of 10 to 4.

GOVERNMENT OF ALASKA

Two Bills in the Senate Drafted to Meet the Requirements of the Klondike.

PROVISIONS AS TO HOMESTEADS

Organization of Courts and Jurisdiction of Judges—Regulations as to Towns and Cities—Taxation Limits.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Senator Carter, from the Senate Committee of Public Lands, has reported favorably the House bill granting right of way to railroads, and extending the homestead laws in Alaska, with amendments made by the Senate committee.

One of the amendments limits to forty acres the amount of land to be taken unless the land is distinctly agricultural, the object being to prevent a monopoly by any individual of valuable sites.

In another amendment the Government reserves the right after twenty years to purchase any railroad, wagon road, or tramway for its actual cash value.

Senator Carter has introduced, and with a few changes in language only the Committee on Territories will report, a bill for the Government of Alaska. The bill provides for enlarging the powers of the Governor in some respects, and especially in regard to caring for the insane of the district by allowing him to send them to asylums in States west of the Rocky Mountains.

Three courts are established, each under a Judge holding for four years, with the usual court officers. The Judge of the court may appoint United States Commissioners, who shall have the powers of Justices of the Peace in Oregon, with jurisdiction of cases up to $1,000; the Commissioners and Deputy Marshals are under the fee system, with double the fees allowed in Oregon. The theory of the Commissioners and Deputy Marshals is that government will be provided for every mining camp. Town or City Governments may be organized as provided by law in Oregon, where not less than 500 permanent residents are situated upon a regular town site.

Taxes are limited to 2 per cent. of the assessed valuation, and indebtedness is not to exceed 2 per cent. of the valuation. Efforts were made to have some regulation made to license the sale of liquor in the Territory, but it has not been done.

LOSS OF THE CLARA NEVADA.

All Hands, Numbering Sixty or Sixty-five, Probably Perished—She Was Cranky and Unsafe.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—The steamship Queen arrived this morning from Alaska with news confirming the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada and all on board. The officers and crew numbered forty, and according to Charles Jones of the Dallas, Oregon, and R. C. Smelcer of Spokane, two of the Nevada's passengers on the up trip, she took on between twenty and twenty-five persons at Skaguay. This runs the total of victims up to sixty or sixty-five.

There is little hope that even one of those aboard escaped. Smelcer and Jones say that the Nevada was an unruly craft, that there was much drunkenness among the subordinate officers and crew, and that they feel satisfied she ought not to have been allowed to leave Seattle. She backed into a United States revenue cutter in Seattle harbor, ran into the wharves at Port Townsend twice, and blew out three flues near Fort Simpson. After the flues were gone anchor was dropped and repairs made. Again at Juneau twenty-four hours were taken to repair her boilers, Smelcer says.

Capt. Lewis told him at Juneau, he says, that if he ever got the Nevada back to Seattle he would never go out on her again unless her machinery was replaced with new. Smelcer and Jones speak well of Capt. Lewis, Purser Beck, and Freight Clerk Rogers.

"Frank Whitney of Cripple Creek, Col., was known to be one of the unfortunates. He had been writing for his wife to join him at Skaguay, and, becoming impatient, boarded the Nevada at the last minute. His wife arrived at Skaguay only a few hours after the Nevada sailed, and hearing of his departure, followed him south on the steamer Rosalie, expecting to meet him in Seattle. Al Noyes of Juneau is also supposed to have been on the Clara Nevada. This is all that is known of the victims.

ALASKA AND THE COMMONS.

Questions Asked About the Treaty Rights of the United States.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, George N. Courzon, in the House of Commons to-day, answering a question as to whether the rights and obligations respecting Alaska, under all the then existing treaties, had been transferred when the United States purchased the country, said that only certain articles of the Anglo-Russian treaty of 1827, regarding the geographical limits, were recited in the Russo-American treaty under which Alaska was ceded.

Article 26 of the Treaty of Washington of 1871, Mr. Curzon added, provided that the navigation of the Yukon, Porcupine, and Shikeen Rivers was to be free and open to the commerce of British subjects and American citizens, subject to the laws and regulations of either country, within its own territory, and not inconsistent with the privilege of free navigation. Mr. Curzon, he continued, had been made by the British Ambassador as to what regulations were best applicable to the navigation of the Shikeen River.

Michael Davitt, Member for South Mayo, asked whether the fact of the contemplated superstructure referred to was in consequence of threats made by Canada to legislate against American interests in the Yukon country. Mr. Curzon answered:

"I have heard nothing to that effect."

Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, Conservative, Member for the Eccleasll Division of Sheffield, asked if steps had been taken to delimitate that territory.

Mr. Curzon, in reply, said he wanted notice of that question.

KLONDIKE RATE WAR.

Big Reduction in Fares Announced by the Canadian Pacific.

BUFFALO, Feb. 17.—The Klondike rate war between the Canadian Pacific and the American lines has assumed a serious aspect, and, judging from official circulars received in Buffalo this morning, it will wax fiercer during the next thirty days.

The Canadian Pacific has announced that it has reduced its regular fares from Buffalo and surrounding territory to Vancouver and other North Pacific Coast points to $40 first class and $30 second class. This means a cut of $24.50 for first class and a drop of $25 for second class. The regular rate published by American lines now is $63.50 for first class and $61 for second class to Pacific Coast points.

TWO MORE KLONDIKE SHIPS.

The Bark Agate Finally Sails—Steamer Earnwell Fitting Out.

The bark Agate, which has been fitting out for Alaska goldfields, and whose sailing was delayed by legal complications, got away yesterday, being towed out past Sandy Hook at 12:20 P. M. The claims of a litigant were secured by a bond, and the vessel was cleared by Capt. Suitis, her commander.

She is owned by the Copper River Mining Company of Brooklyn, and is bound for the Copper River, Alaska, via San Francisco. She carries about thirty passengers, including four women, who paid $500 each for the experience which is before them.

The steamer Earnwell, which has been fitting out for the Klondike at Perth Amboy, took a spin down the bay yesterday to try her engines, and later anchored off Red Hook. She is owned by the Saginaw Steamship Company, which, having spent between $80,000 and $90,000 in an American yard, is enabled to secure American registry. Under the United States flag she will ply on the Pacific Coast, whither she will start in a few days, stopping at Baltimore for coal en route for San Francisco.

REFEREES' NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT. HAMILTON COUNTY. Union Trust Company of New York against Hamilton Park Company et al.

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, made on the 27th day of December, 1897, entered in the office of the Clerk of Hamilton County, on the 20th day of January, 1898, the undersigned, Referee in said judgment named, will sell at public auction, at Morley's Lake Pleasant Inn, in the Village of Lake Pleasant, County of Hamilton, State of New York, on the 5th day of April, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendant, the Hamilton Park Company, at the date of the mortgage foreclosed, May 1st, 1889, and any right, title, and interest which it may thereafter have acquired, in and to each several parcel of the mortgaged premises described in the complaint in this action, and in said decree hereinbefore referred to, and as hereinafter set forth, upon the following terms and conditions:

TERMS OF SALE.

The sale will include simply the right, title, and interest of the Defendant, the Hamilton Park Company, at the date of the mortgage foreclosed, May 1st, 1889, and any right, title, and interest which it may thereafter have acquired, in and to each several parcel of the mortgaged premises hereinafter described.

The sale of the said property shall be subject to all liens prior to the lien of said mortgage, and the undersigned, the Referee, will not pay out of the proceeds of sale any taxes, assessments, waterrates, or other liens upon the property sold, nor redeem the property sold from any sales for unpaid taxes, assessments, water-rates, or other liens.

The undersigned, the Referee, will first, in the order as hereinafter described, offer for sale the property in separate lots. The bids received for the property so offered for sale in separate lots shall be received on condition that all the property so offered for sale in separate lots shall subsequently be offered together as a single lot or parcel. The highest bids received for the separate lots so offered for sale will be noted by said Referee.

Whenever the highest bids received and noted for the separate lots so offered for sale shall amount in the aggregate to a sum which shall be sufficient to pay the whole amount then due for principal and interest on all the then outstanding and unpaid bonds secured by said mortgage, together with all proper expenses of making and completing such sale, and all costs of this cause, and all proper allowances, compensation, and disbursements which may be allowed by the court to any parties or their counsel, or to the undersigned, said Referee, and all expenses and charges which may be incurred or created by the trustee in the administration of the trust, then the undersigned, said Referee, will offer no more of such parcels for sale in separate lots as aforesaid.

After noting the highest bids received for the property offered for sale in separate lots the undersigned, said Referee, shall offer the same for sale together as a single lot or parcel.

If the highest bid for all such property when offered together as a single lot or parcel shall exceed the aggregate of the said highest bids received and noted for said property when offered in separate lots as aforesaid, then such property shall be struck off and sold together as a single lot or parcel to the person making the highest bid therefor; but if the highest bid received for such property when offered together as a single lot or parcel shall not exceed the aggregate sum of the several highest bids received and noted for such property when offered in separate lots as aforesaid, then the several separates so offered for sale shall be struck off and sold to the bidders who made the highest bids therefor.

The undersigned, said Referee, will receive no bid from any one offering to bid for parcels of land herein described as Tracts I., II., III., IV., and V., who shall not first deposit with him the sum of $500 in money, or in certified check upon any national bank.

The undersigned, said Referee, will receive no bid from any one offering to bid for parcels offered as a whole, whichever parcels they may be, who shall not first deposit with him the sum of $2,000, in money or in certified check upon any national bank.

The above deposits are required as a pledge that the respective bidders will make good his or their bids in case of acceptance.

Upon the acceptance of any bid for any parcels, respectively known as Tracts Nos. I., II., III., IV., and V., the purchaser shall forthwith and within one week thereafter deposit with the Union Trust Company of New York, subject to the order of said Referee, the sum of $1,000, in cash or by certified check upon any national bank.

Upon the acceptance of any bid for parcel known as Tract No. VI., the purchaser shall forthwith and within one week thereafter deposit with the Union Trust Company of New York, subject to the order of said Referee, the sum of $7,000, in cash or by certified check upon any national bank.

Any cash which may have previously been deposited by the successful bidder as a pledge that he will make good his bid shall be received on account of the amount so required of him on the acceptance of his bid.

In case any bidder or purchaser shall fail to make good his bid upon its acceptance by the undersigned, said Referee, shall fail after such acceptance to comply with the terms of sale as to the passing of title, the payment of the purchase price, or otherwise, or shall fail to comply with the terms of the said Referee's report referred to, or with any order of the court relating to the consummation of the purchase, then the sums in cash deposited by such purchaser or purchasers, as hereinbefore provided, shall be forfeited as a penalty for such failure, and shall be applied toward the expenses of a resale and toward making good any deficiency or loss in case the property shall be sold at a less price upon resale.

The purchaser shall pay to the undersigned, the said Referee, at the office of Miller, Peckham & Dixon, No. 20 Broadway, in the City of New York, within fifteen days after said sale, when the said Referee's deed will be ready for delivery, such other payment or payments in cash on account of the purchase price bid as may be required by direct; the balance of the purchase price, not required to be paid in cash, may either be paid in cash, or the purchaser may satisfy and make the same or the whole or in part, by turning in at the same time and place, to be cancelled or credited as hereinafter provided, bonds and coupons, to be paid out of the proceeds of such distribution thereof, and such purchaser shall be credited therefor on account of the purchase price all such sums as would be payable on such bonds and coupons out of the proceeds of his bid, to the whole amount of the purchase price were paid in cash.

The court reserves the right to resell the property, upon such notice as the court may direct, in case the purchaser shall fail or omit to make any payment on account of any unpaid balance of the purchase price within thirty days after proper demand made upon said purchaser in writing, or within 20 days after the entry of an order requiring such payment.

The biddings will be kept open after the property is struck down, and in case any purchaser shall fail to comply with any of the above conditions of sale, the premises so struck down to him will be again put up for sale under the direction of the undersigned, said Referee, at the same terms of sale, without application to the court, unless the plaintiff's attorneys so elect to make such application; and such purchaser will be held liable for any deficiency that may be between the sums for which said premises shall be struck down upon the sale and that for which they may be purchased on the resale, and also for any costs or expenses accruing on such resale.

Reference is made herein to the sale of "tracts or parcels of land." It is understood that such term refers simply to the right, title, and interest of the defendant, the Hamilton Park Company, on the 1st day of May, 1889, the date of said mortgage foreclosed, and any right, title, and interest which it may thereafter have acquired, in and to such parcel or parcels of land.

The following is a description of said mortgaged premises hereinbefore mentioned:

All those certain tracts, pieces, or parcels of land and territory situated in the County of Hamilton, and State of New York, and bounded and described as follows, viz.:

TRACT I.

All that certain tract or parcel of land and territory described as being four thousand nine hundred (4,900) acres, or thereabout, and shown on a map made by M. B. Sutton, Surveyor, be the same several dimensions on said map set forth more or less, being bounded in a square (as near as may be) in the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of Township Number thirty-six (36) of Totten & Crossfield's, (or Jessup's) Purchase, lying in the County of Hamilton (formerly Montgomery County) in the State of New York; being the same tract conveyed by Elinor Woodruff and Margaret L. Woodruff by John D. Clute, by deed dated November 6th, 1875, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hamilton on March 2d, 1880, in Book No. 13 of Deeds at pages 414 et seq., and being the same premises conveyed to the said Clute by James Robertson and others, Trustees of the Bank of the United States, as described and set forth in said deed of conveyance, dated November 28th, 1849, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hamilton in Book No. 3 of Deeds at page 229.

And being the same premises conveyed by Elinor Woodruff and Margaret L. Woodruff to James I. Healey by deed dated April 30th, 1888, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Hamilton November 28th,

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BROADWAY—The Highwayman—8:15.
CASINO—The Telephone Girl—8:15.
COLUMBUS—A New Yorker—8:15.
DALY'S—Lilli Tse—The Country Girl—8:15.
EDEN MUSEE—Waxworks—Concerts—Cinematograph—Day and Evening.
EMPIRE—The Conquerors—8:15. Benefit—1:30.
FIFTH AVENUE—Measure for Measure—8:20.
FOURTEENTH STREET—Sweet Inniscarra—8:15.
GARDEN—The Master—8:25.
GARRICK—The Little Minister—8:20.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Never Again—8:00.
HARLEM OPERA HOUSE—A Stranger in New York—8:15.
HERALD SQUARE—The French Maid—8:15.
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KNICKERBOCKER—A Virginia Courtship—8:30.
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LYCEUM—The Tree of Knowledge—8:15. Readings—3:30 P. M.
MANHATTAN—Way Down East—8:15.
METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE—Selections—7:45.
PLEASURE PALACE—Vaudeville—1:30 to 11:00.
PROCTOR'S—Vaudeville—12 M. to 11 P. M.
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THE FIGHT FOR HONESTY.

The contest for honesty in trade is on again in Congress. On Wednesday Mr. HENDERSON of Iowa, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, called up the committee's bankruptcy bill, and it is understood that a vote will be reached on Saturday.

The committee bill is substantially what is known as the Torrey bill, which has had a curious history. Seven years ago it was passed by the House and reported favorably in the Senate, but not reached before adjournment. In the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses it was reported favorably by the House Judiciary Committee, and failed, first through dilatory proceedings by the minority, and then—in the later Congress—failed to get a majority. In the Fifty-fourth Congress it was again reported to the House and was passed by a heavy majority, but was not reached in the Senate. In the present Congress it was favorably reported in the Senate, but that body, by a vote considerably less than a majority, substituted for it the Nelson bill, which is now before the House, for which the Judiciary Committee has reported as a substitute the committee bill. The bill has thus twice been passed by the House, has been four times favorably reported by the House committee, and twice by the Senate committee. In the meanwhile it has received more general, hearty, and intelligent support from business bodies throughout the country than any measure of its kind, or, indeed, of any kind. If it shall pass the House now, as it ought, the chances are good that the Senate will accept it, but it will require the earnest efforts of its supporters outside of Congress.

The main opposition to the bill is due to its provision for involuntary bankruptcy and its prohibition of preferences. Both of these features are in the interest of honest trading. Release from indebtedness is to the debtor a privilege of a valuable and extraordinary sort. Why should it be granted only at the request of the beneficiary? His debts are contracts, in each of which two parties are necessarily engaged, himself and his creditor, and all the creditors have equal rights in the disposition of every debt. If the obligation of the debtor is to be wiped out it should be on terms that would secure completely and equitably the rights of all creditors to their share of the assets. Why should the time and occasion of taking advantage of the bankruptcy law be left to the debtor, who will be guided solely by his own interests? And why should the debtor who is to be released have the privilege in advance of giving preferences that defeat the equal operation of the law?

The opposition to the law is shrewd, but it is not very scrupulous. The prejudices of the "debtor class" are aroused by the resistance to involuntary bankruptcy, but the strongest motive enlisted against the bill is the desire of certain large dealers to get the advantages for themselves which long experience and sharp practice enable them to get under State laws. The best and most lasting interests of all traders, buyers or sellers, retailers or wholesalers, debtors or creditors, demand a uniform law, under which honest insolvents can get release on the complete surrender and equal division of their assets. The process should be prompt, simple, and inexpensive, and so it is under the House committee's bill. It is equally important that dishonesty in insolvents should be made unprofitable and punished, and that also is done under this bill. If these essential facts can be brought clearly to the understanding of each house of Congress we believe the bill will become a law, but, as we have said, it still requires energetic work.

MAKE GOOD THE LOSS.

The Senate shows wisdom in proposing that the appropriation for coast fortifications be increased by $5,000,000, and that the building of two battleships instead of one be authorized this year. We have no doubt the House will assent to the increased expenditure. There is need of more liberal provision for emplacements in order to make ready for the guns and mortars that will be ready for mounting before the end of the year, and it will be a policy of undoubted wisdom, if we are to attempt the creation of a system of really effective coast defenses, to authorize a liberal outlay for guns of the heavier type. The loss of the Maine is an all-sufficient justification for making appropriations for two battleships instead of one, as recommended by the Secretary of the Navy.

It will be advisable, however, for Secretary LONG and for Congress to consider whether somewhat prompter action may not be taken to make good the loss of the battleship that went down in the harbor of Havana. It takes a long time to build a battleship. The construction of the Maine was authorized by act of Congress in August, 1886. Her keel was laid in 1888. Bids for equipping her with machinery were opened in March, 1889, she was launched Nov. 18, 1890, and put in commission Aug. 17, 1895, nine years after the passage of the appropriation bill authorizing her construction. We can build battleships in less than nine years, and are doing it. But we cannot build them in a day, or in a year.

We can buy battleships by cable in a day if anywhere in the world there is one for sale. Brazil bought a ready-made navy, not made up of battleships exactly, but formidable enough to frighten MELLO'S rebels out of their purpose, forestalling by a short time the coming of the fighting craft the rebels themselves had ordered in France. Other South American republics have sometimes bought ships of war in Europe. England, France, and Germany and Russia may not just now be in the market as sellers, but there are other European and Asiatic powers which it is needless to name here who might not refuse a fair offer.

We are now at peace with all mankind, and the purchase of a warship or two by us need possess no special significance beyond the plain purpose of repairing our recent loss. No nation would hesitate to sell us a ship on the ground that her action might be construed as hostile to some other nation with which she was on terms of amity. The wisdom of buying instead of waiting to build requires no argument in justification except for those who disapprove of navies altogether, and they are not now and never will be any considerable fraction of the American people. Beginning with Mr. CLEVELAND'S first Administration, when Mr. WHITNEY was Secretary of the Navy, we have created a navy, not of vast and compelling might like that of Great Britain, but one of such proportions that our people begin to take pride in it and to feel that sense of security that strength gives. We no longer hear the reproach that was brought against us for so many years, that we have a navy inferior to that of Portugal. We are constantly increasing the number and the power of our ships. Every year one or more battleships are authorized by Congress, showing that our established naval policy is one of increase. Suddenly, by an appalling calamity, one of our battleships is destroyed and our navy suffers in an instant a diminution of power that cannot in the ordinary course of shipbuilding be made up in less than three or four years. Should we be wise to permit our policy of expansion to be suddenly checked and reversed by an accident, or what must pass for an accident until proved to be of other origin? It does not seem to us that we should be wise. For various reasons it is desirable that our navy should not, during the coming year, be weaker than it has been during the past year. Being at peace we may maintain the peace footing without giving anybody at home or abroad cause for uneasiness. Cause for criticism if not for uneasiness might be given by any considerable delay in making good the loss of the Maine.

MR. KNOX'S RULES.

The rules for the government of the civil service of the city have been revised by the city commission and are now subject to the approval, first, of the State commission, and, second, of Mayor VAN WYCK. Nothing definite is known of their provisions, nor shall we undertake to prejudge them on reports based on inferences as to motives. If they are framed to defeat or embarrass the merit system in the city it will be made plain in time, and criticism will then be in order, and it can be made all the more fairly because Mayor STRONG'S commission gave an intelligent and high standard of what the rules should be and how they should be administered.

Meanwhile it is to be remarked that the present administration is acting as if it expected greater freedom in the matter of pure spoils than good rules, honestly enforced, would give them. This is true whether the rules shall turn out to be good or bad. There are being made numerous dismissals and reductions of salary, which are likely to lead to resignations, and the number of vacancies thus provided for is too large to last. The work of the city will require them to be filled. It is a curious fact that these changes are generally in the case of employés who do not enjoy a "pull" with Tammany. When new men are taken they will have that "pull," but it would do them no good if the rules provided for fair competition and were honestly administered.

This situation lends zest to the curiosity with which the rules of Mr. KNOX'S commission are awaited. Mr. KNOX is a capable lawyer, with much knowledge of city affairs. He is not likely to be misled into what the law really requires in the way of examination and competition, and he will not plead ignorance if these requirements are not met. He must see, however, the signs of a hard time if he is really going to make the present administration honestly do its duty.

THE MAINE AND THE FREAK PRESS.

Our esteemed freak contemporaries occasionally betray irritation because the community does not take them seriously enough. It seems that they have not sufficiently reflected upon the frightful consequences that would ensue if they were taken more seriously. A lamentable disaster happens to an American man-of-war in a port under control of a power with which our relations are in a state of extreme tension. Nobody knows how it happened, and judicious people, in view of their complete ignorance, refrain from guessing or at least from publishing their guesses. Every serious man is impressed with the danger and injustice of attributing to design what may have been accident. Every serious journal is especially careful to refrain from imputations which may be unfounded, on account of the mischief such imputations might do. Suppose at this juncture two journals of character and standing and a reputation for sobriety of judgment were to commit themselves to the theory that the explosion was not an accident but an "outrage." We will not specify any American newspapers. But suppose, in a like case, the Maine had been a British man-of-war, and The London Times and The London Standard should declare that they were satisfied that the disaster had been intentionally produced, and collect all the conjectures in favor of that hypothesis; or that, in the case of a French man-of-war a like declaration should be made by the Temps and the Journal des Débats. The effect upon public opinion would be immediate and great, and might very well suffice to force a declaration of war. But the catchpenny London newspapers and the journals of the boulevard in Paris might express and reiterate their beliefs without doing any particular harm, because no serious person would take them seriously.

That is exactly what has happened with us. The conductors of our freak journals are not the atrocious criminals that they would be if they themselves attached any responsibility, or sober-minded persons any importance, to their views of current events. They must season their news very highly to make it "bite" at all upon the jaded palates of their habitual readers. The blowing up of a battle ship, with a loss of two hundred and fifty lives, is, one would say, a sufficiently sensational occurrence. But it is obviously much more sensational if it be the result of crime than if it be the result of accident, and to attribute it to crime without any sort of reference to evidence is the impulse of the freak journalist. The habitual reader of freak journals understands, as if by instinct, that this attribution is made in order to give a higher and more piquant flavor to his daily dose of news. The only real danger is that some especially excitable and weak-minded reader, some potential Guiteau, may take seriously these ravings for revenue only and be incited by them to crime. Perhaps this is not a very serious danger, though that is not so certain. At any rate it is unfortunate that the latest and most frantic performance of our freak contemporaries should coincide with the hearing upon the ridiculous bill for a censorship of the press at Albany, and furnish a pretext for such a measure. It is in fact a defect in the law that so reckless and dangerous a treatment of grave international questions should not be unlawful as well as disreputable.

THE "COLLEGE AGE."

One point made by President JONES of Hobart College in his address at the Drawing Room Club last evening will excite especial sympathy among the parents of youth of undergraduate age. The complaint is becoming trite that with the increasing requirements of entrance examinations and the increasing age involved, the average young American is still pursuing his studies when he ought to be earning his living and overcoming the early difficulties of his chosen pursuit. Another college President has undertaken to meet this complaint by pointing out that the period of activity is gradually lengthening at the other end.

But really this is not a sufficient answer. If men can work later in life than they formerly did, that is a gain for themselves and for the race which ought to be made available without deduction. And it is very little consolation to a parent who finds himself called upon to support his sons for four or five years after they are legally men and citizens that they may be able to work for their offspring in turn at a later age than that at which he himself may be forced to give up work.

Moreover, as Mr. JONES points out with much effect, those things are becoming to a boy which are not becoming to a man. The "status pupillaris" is a state of dependence, and when an adolescent has become an adult the condition of dependence is not compatible with self-respect. As President JONES puts it: "Under twenty simplicity and tutelage are natural; over twenty they are not." This is really the crucial point of the whole contention. Professors who have persuaded themselves that the chief end of man is to perfect himself in special knowledge may look with complacency upon a man of twenty-five who is still a student and not a practitioner. But people who are not professors will continue to believe that the age of legal responsibility ought to be the age of actual responsibility, and that the discipline which comes of actual participation in the struggles of life is far better for a man than any prolongation can be of merely scholastic discipline. Such readers will find President JONES'S address wise and timely.

It is an absurdly logical and practical idea advocated by Senator COCKRELL of putting the Pension Bureau in charge of the War Department and placing Col. AINSWORTH at its head. There is no politics in the army, and what little there is in the Secretary's office can do very little harm. Army officers and surgeons are familiar with every feature of the questions presented by applications for pensions and by their payment. They would not easily be cheated, and they would not be cheated at all of their own motion. Nothing could be done so likely to make it certain that deserving pensioners would get their full due and that fraudulent pensioners would be deprived of their plunder as the plan proposed by Senator COCKRELL. That is the reason why at present it will not be adopted. Until it becomes more dangerous for a Congressman to oppose reform than to support it, until the wrath of honest men is more potent than the friendship of the pension agents in affecting nominations and elections, there will be no reform.

That is a very imposing as well as a very representative committee which the Mayor has appointed to prepare for the celebration of the consolidation of the new municipality. Beginning with the living ex-Mayors of New York and Brooklyn—no fewer than eighteen of them—it comprises a fair representation of every interest in the greater city—religious, professional, commercial, and social. No body of citizens that could be named for the purpose would command a more general confidence in a successful outcome of its labors.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

—Enormous are the demands made in these stirring days upon the pencils and the imaginations of "artists" employed by the exponents of war-at-any-price journalism. Not only must they depict things that have really happened a thousand miles away, but every rumor must be illustrated with cuts at the moment of its arrival, and in wild haste, too, in order that the sketch may be printed and scattered broadcast before the next and exactly contrary rumor comes to make it valueless. In such circumstances, of course, the draughtsmen, are cruelly overworked, and naturally they resort to strange devices for the purpose of getting an occasional moment of rest. The simplest of these expedients is to meet the demand for new pictures by selecting from the stock on hand those that can be put to other uses than those for which they were originally prepared. In the case of portraits, midnight explosions, still smoking revolvers, and the like, this is an easy task, but sometimes much ingenuity has to be exercised, and the success attained is often brilliant. A real triumph of this sort ornamented the first page of an enterprising local contemporary yesterday afternoon. The picture of "an eight-inch percussion hole in a steel plate" was needed. Instantly a bright young man remembered that there was an eclipse of the sun not long ago, and a moment later the cut showing how the great orb looked at the moment of totality had been dusted off and was in the form. And really it did very well, considering. At any rate, it looked as much like a "percussion hole" as it did like the eclipsed sun, and what more could be desired?

—When the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads recently selected the carrier service in the great cities as that branch of the department's work in which a few dollars could best be saved it gave a demonstration of its discretion that prevents any surprise at the committee's present attack on the efficiency of the service. All first-class mail, it suggests to Congress, should go to the Dead Letter Office unless it is fully prepaid, and the collection of deficient postage at the point of destination should cease. This is truly a great idea. The present system is, indeed, a great convenience to everybody in the country, and the losses of revenue under it are almost infinitesimal, but those are matters not worth considering—that is, not until the great public raises an angry howl. It is sure to do so, and then it will be a pleasant spectacle to see the committee scuttling away in search of some safer folly that it can commit.

—One of the Brooklyn papers gravely takes the New York musical critics to task because of their reluctance to cross the bridge in search of new subjects for comment. This is most amusing, when one remembers the infrequency with which the possessors of musical genius choose Kings County as the place in which to make their début. Concerning the last appearance of SILOTI at Mendelssohn Hall our irascible contemporary says: "They [the New York critics] assembled in solemn conclave to pass upon the merits of the new pianist, and this morning they extend to him the assurances of their distinguished consideration and approval, in utter innocence of the fact that SILOTI played precisely the same programme a mile nearer their own offices a fortnight ago. They agree with substantial unanimity that SILOTI is a great pianist, then solemnly inform a waiting world of something which all Brooklyn has known for a fortnight, and which might have been in possession of their readers for the same length of time if those guileless critics had ever heard of consolidation or of Brooklyn. Their newspapers spend thousands of dollars to get news of the Klondike, Cuba, or Armenia, but there would probably be a revolution on Park Row if a music critic should be ordered to spend 3 cents for bridge fare to pass upon the merits of those artists who occasionally have the temerity to make their first appearance in this borough." How wise the man is who wrote that! Of course it would be useless to tell him that SILOTI had the temerity to make his first American appearance in the little Borough of Manhattan on Jan. 25, and that he has been quite well known to us ever since.

—Drug clerks themselves seem to be taking the least prominent part in the efforts now making to secure a reduction in the number of hours daily during which they are kept on duty. This, at first thought surprising, is explicable enough on reflection, for the clerks cannot afford to irritate their employers more than necessary, and any open participation in the present campaign would, in many cases, doubtless lead to the offender's immediate discharge. The druggists are already using their power for the purpose of silencing their clerks, and this fact should add to the energy of the public's demand for a reform in which the public is vitally interested.

PERSONAL.

—Frequently as it has been pointed out that circumstantial evidence may be, and often is, much more nearly conclusive than the testimony of any eye-witnesses, there is a strong and widespread prejudice against it, and this feeling gets expression every once in a while from people in whom one would expect to find a clearer comprehension of the nature and varieties of evidence. Only this week the Society of Medical Jurisprudence heard an address in which it was gravely asserted that the death penalty should never follow a conviction based on circumstantial evidence, and yet none of the speaker's hearers called attention to the habit which murderers have of committing their crimes when nobody is looking on, and none told him that he was practically advocating the abolition of capital punishment. That the evidence of eye-witnesses, even when they are entirely honest and more than willing to tell the truth, is sometimes worthless gets amusing illustration from statements made recently by VICTOR BAILLOD, a Waterloo veteran, who died the other day in the little French town of Carisey. Though 104 years old, BAILLOD was in full possession of his mental faculties, and his testimony would have been received in any court. When asked if he remembered the great battle, he answered in the affirmative with indignant emphasis, and began a long and detailed description of what he saw. "There were plenty of men there," he said, "and the cannon roar was deafening. The corn grew high, but when the cavalry had passed over it roadways were left in its wake. The more NAPOLEON advanced the more the enemy retreated. Did I see NAPOLEON? Yes, indeed I did. He never stood still, but was all over the battlefield at once." There is direct testimony for you!

—Dr. NANSEN is quoted by a recent interviewer as speaking most hopefully about the chances that ANDREE is safe. He said that it is hardly reasonable to expect news of the balloon expedition before next August, and that for some time thereafter undue anxiety would be excessive. ANDREE, according to this certainly competent authority, may be in Franz Josef Land, in North or East Greenland, in Siberia, or even in Spitzbergen. Wherever he came down he would have to make preparations for Winter, and the state of the ice would almost preclude the possibility of getting news about him until midsummer at the earliest. In Spitzbergen or in Franz Josef Land he would be able to get provisions—in the former case from food cairns, and in the latter from Jackson's depot. In Siberia, too, ANDREE would be able to procure plenty of bears and seals either to the east or west of Cape Chelyuskin. "It must be remembered," concluded Dr. NANSEN, "that ANDREE has plenty of guns and ammunition, so that his prospects of surviving the Winter are just as good as ours were. If he is in Franz Josef Land he will be all right, and will be able to come home next Summer by one of the whalers."

—Lieut. Col. HOUGHTON, one of the English officers recently killed on the Indian frontier, was not only a good soldier, but his superiors regarded him as of immense value as a means of impressing the natives with England's power. He served this purpose because he was 6 feet 6 inches in height, and magnificently proportioned, and in a country of small men he made a very impressive spectacle. When a deputation of Indian Princes went to England half a century ago, they were overwhelmed with amazement when introduced to Lord JOHN RUSSELL who was then Prime Minister, and it required much argument to convince them that a man so small in stature was the chief personage in the Government of so great, strong, and powerful a nation. On the other hand, they were much impressed with the stature of the Highland soldiers, and one of the Rajahs wished to buy outright a whole regiment of them to take home with him.

THE LATE DISASTER.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

A certain inflammable section of the American public, the section which for the last few years has made the one test of patriotism the readiness to declare war with any nation upon any pretext, appears to have determined that it is impossible the stupendous disaster which has overwhelmed the navy should be (as we know it has been with the warships of other nations) the result of an accident. Now, when a Republican Congressman asserts at once that war should be declared immediately in case a certain explanation should prove true, it seems only right that we should consider possibilities.

There are now two parties in Cuba—the Spanish loyalists, the Cuban insurgents. For more than a year American Congressmen and a large section of the American press and people have been heaping insults upon Spain and sympathizing with the Cubans upon every possible occasion, while ever since the insurrection began the Cubans have been supplied with all sorts of munitions of war from the United States. In spite of all this, and also of the fact that the Spanish people, of all nations the most proud and dignified, have felt themselves so insulted that war would have been most popular, the Spanish Government has never shown the slightest intention of fighting us, and has avoided so far as possible—without abandoning the same right which we claimed a generation ago, the right of putting down secession—every cause of irritation. To suppose that the Spanish authorities would precipitate a disastrous war by an act which would make them execrated by every civilized nation requires an amount of credulity which one would suppose beyond the capacity even of a jingo Senator, though he might conceivably make political capital out of professing to believe it.

The other party in Cuba, the Insurgents, are desperate and have everything to gain by precipitating the United States into that war which sober spirits have found such difficulty in averting for the last year. Their chief weapon of war has always been dynamite, as we can see by consulting the lists of stores of the numerous small vessels which have been sent out from different ports in this country by the Cuban Junta ever since the insurrection began. Train after train has been blown up with dynamite, one but a very short time ago. Stealing a private letter is only an incident of war, but when the insurgent authorities ordered peace envoys to be killed—a thing which has been considered reprehensible since the dawn of civilization—and when they made the officer who carried out their order a General in reward for his compliance, they showed conclusively that they considered themselves beyond all rules of civilized warfare. To blow up railway trains, to kill envoys, and to approve of the assassination of a Prime Minister are certainly proofs that if independence were to be secured thereby, the blowing up of a battleship would seem a thing to be readily condoned.

No sensible man would imitate the folly of the Jingoes by asserting (without proof) that any one had endeavored to destroy the Maine, but when such persistent attempts are being made to force the President into a declaration of war by inflaming the passions of the populace (and it is to be remembered that the Maine was sent to Havana in deference to public clamor) it seems only decent to pause and consider probabilities before we take a step which may be repented of too late. MARTIN.

New York, Feb. 17, 1898.

DEFENDS DR. McGIFFERT.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

It is assumed by the fathers of Presbyteries and by many other good people that theological students are as plastic as schoolboys. A professor has but to speak and his pupils at once assimilate his ideas without thought or difficulty. But this is not always so, and is very far from being the case in institutions where the critical faculty is encouraged and developed.

Criticism acts and reacts. A professor who is critical even to the point of heresy produces this effect on students, that they in turn criticise not only the subject under discussion in the classroom, but exercise their discriminatory powers upon the professor himself. So it may be asserted, without qualification, that the most useful professor for a theological seminary is the man who will subject even the most sacred beliefs to the most unsparing criticism. Such criticism is not necessarily hostile.

Now what is the actual influence of Dr. McGiffert upon the students of Union Seminary? They are enthusiastic in their admiration for him as an ideal professor. They say that he is a model of conciseness and lucidity, that he has a profound knowledge of his subject and a charming manner of presenting it, and that he is as nearly without bias as any man can be. But this is not the same as saying that they accept all his statements. Certainly not! His statements, along with those of every other professor, are often called in question and fearlessly criticised by the students. It is the spirit of Union. And who will deny that men reared in such an atmosphere are more robust Christians and will make stronger ministers than the goody-goody fellows who are taught to sit open-mouthed before some dear old professor and swallow all his precepts whole?

The men who clamor against Dr. McGiffert are men who probably have this latter conception of the student's attitude. It would be impossible, doubtless, to convince such that absolutely nothing approaching to this attitude exists at Union. Yet it is a fact that the element of "infatuation" for the professor is conspicuous at Union only by its complete absence; and that consequently the words of any and every professor are mercilessly sifted and weighed by the students. To suppose that the result of such operations can be inimical to the faith is to confess to a very feeble belief in the ultimate triumph of truth.

On the specific point at issue in the present controversy it is safe to say that, even if Dr. McGiffert were to deny the Paschal significance of the Last Supper, there would be found certainly 95 per cent. of the students who would not agree with him. This is the spirit of Union; and the folly of talking about "deadly influences," "heresy," &c., and the inevitable injury to the Church at large resulting from such injudicious agitation, and, in particular, from such mistaken notions of the character of Union Seminary are apparent even to a student.

A STUDENT OF UNION.

Union Theological Seminary, Feb. 15, 1898.

CRUSADE AGAINST BACHELORS.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

"Oh, where shall rest be found" for the unfortunate American bachelor? Not content with the efforts of the Woman's Rescue League to make life miserable for the "bachelor politician," now appears the President of the Women's Relief League of New Jersey and demands that the bachelors shall be taxed for the benefit of "dependent maids who are fifty years old or upward." The bachelors demur, strange as it may appear, and are in revolt. Let them take courage, however. The matter is not so formidable, after all. In the first place, unless the women of New Jersey differ greatly in certain points from the sex in general, we are confident no "maid fifty years old and upward" (we should say downward) could be prevailed upon to reveal that fact, even for a mercenary consideration. Nothing short of torture or imprisonment could drag that dreadful confession from her unwilling lips.

Then, New Jersey is not only celebrated for its charms, but has also a reputation equally well founded for its justice, and we think the bachelors of that favored State may still be allowed to spend their incomes as they please, and not upon the coy maids designated by the Women's Relief League. But should appeals to the Senators be in vain, there yet remains a way of escape, though a trying one. The bachelors can pack their household goddesses and migrate to some less attractive but safer place, where men's rights are respected and the women are content with simply laying siege to their hearts, leaving their purses alone. We wish our sex would behave itself when it attempts what it calls "reform," and begin the pastime at home. Women are capable of improvement still in various ways. We blush unseen for the manner in which some of our sex are not minding their own affairs—these busybodies in men's matters. Their minds seem to run continually upon the other sex, when every one knows that a well-regulated woman seldom bestows a thought, much less "resolutions," upon such trivial subjects.

Unless this persecution of the helpless masculine soon comes to an end there will be a bachelors' crusade of some sort, and we know upon which side maids less "dependent" and more enticing than those of "fifty or upward" will stand. F. W. H.

Mount Vernon, Feb. 12, 1898.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I take leave to correct an error occurring in your leading article relating to the projected permanent orchestra, printed in THE TIMES of Monday last. The Cincinnati orchestra has not failed, but is now successfully carrying through its third season under the leadership of Mr. Frank Van der Stucken. The Directors of the Cincinnati Orchestra Association recently announced that their guarantee fund had reached a sum that justified them in the expectation that the orchestra could be maintained for at least four years more. W. F. J.

New York, Feb. 16, 1898.

NUGGETS.

Domestics.

Robert—What is the difference between domestic goods and good domestics?

Richard—Domestic goods are articles made in this country. Good domestics—there ain't any.—Boston Transcript.

Tested.

"What is his reputation for truth and veracity?"

"Pretty fair. He failed to pass an examination for a position as weather prognosticator."—Chicago Post.

The Successful.

He—The trouble with too many people in this world is that they never stop to think.

She—Yes, but I notice that the most successful people are the ones that don't have to stop to think.—Chicago News.

New Amusement Wanted.

"What's the row?" asked a South American revolutionist, as the shouts of the multitude were wafted up from the street.

"It means we're out of a job," replied the eternal opponent of the government; "the people have tired of revolutions, and are demanding a new diversion."—Philadelphia North American.

CHEER UP.

P. L. McCarty in Boston Traveler.

What's the use of looking glum?
Cheer up;
Brighter days will surely come,
Cheer up;
Tho' the storm-king holds full sway,
Tho' the torrents pour to-day,
Every cloud will clear away;
Cheer up.

No use shedding idle tears,
Cheer up;
Don't give way to foolish fears,
Cheer up;
'Aint no use of feeling blue
If the sun don't shine on you,
Sobs and sighs will never do;
Cheer up.

If misfortune be your share;
Cheer up;
Time will lighten every care;
Cheer up;
With the Springtime's gentle rain
Buds the fairest flowers again,
Song birds sing a sweeter strain;
Cheer up.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

Concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Metropolitan Opera House.

A CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

The Kneisel Quartet at Mendelssohn Hall—A New Operetta at Daly's—German Plays.

The fourth concert of the twelfth season in New York of the Boston Symphony Orchestra took place at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. The programme consisted of Beethoven's overture to "Egmont," C. M. Loeffler's divertimento for violin and orchestra, Mrs. H. A. A. Beach's Gaelic symphony, three familiar concert numbers from Hector Berlioz's "Damnation of Faust," and Rimsky-Korsakoff's symphonic suite entitled "Scheherazade." Of these the second and third and fifth were novelties in Manhattan, the last having been played once in Brooklyn. Mr. Loeffler is one of the first violinists of the orchestra, sitting at the desk with Mr. Kneisel, and he appeared as the soloist in his own composition.

Mr. Loeffler is a young man, a German by birth, and has already made himself favorably known as a composer. The delightful composition produced here last night will surely add to his reputation. It is in three movements, a "Preamble," an "Eclogue," and a "Carnival des Morts." The first of these opens with a passage which, by its melodic style and its fine exposition of some of the best qualities of the solo instrument, shows that the composer has been a close student of Bach's violin sonatas. This passage soon works into a sort of perpetuum mobile theme, which is followed by a broad singing melody of genuine beauty. There are a few resplendent tutti passages, and at the end of the movement the first themes are heard again. The "Eclogue" is a wholly admirable specimen of elegiac composition. It is wholly free in form, and consists of a development of a songlike melody by alternate solo and orchestra treatment. Some of the instrumental effects in this movement are very ingenious, the stopped trumpets and the glissandi on the harp giving some bizarre tints. The final movement is a set of variations on the old "Dies irae."

It is tremendously difficult for the solo instrument, embracing as it does all the feats of violin playing, yet it is solid, good music, full of interest, and uncommon in its display of mastery of the technics of composition. The work as a whole is full of melody, color, and feeling, and it ought to become one of the stock pieces of the violinist's répertoire. Mr. Loeffler played the solo part with large tone, perfect intonation, grace and finish of style, and incessant charm. The orchestra gave him an accompaniment which was a work of brotherly love. He was enthusiastically recalled several times.

Mrs. Beach's "Gaelic" symphony, which has not been heard here before, goes toward showing that composition is not beyond the grasp of the feminine mind. This symphony is not a profound work and it makes no attempt at an exploration of the classic methods of development. But as a series of tone pictures it has considerable charm. The first and last movements are somewhat turgid in style and uncertain in form, but they have a good deal of vigor and are rich in color. The two middle movements, which are built on melodies of Celtic character and ingeniously treated with solo passages, are engaging by their simple and fluent melody.

The Rimsky-Korsakoff "Scheherazadi" is delightful. Its three movements are entitled "The Sea and Sindbad's Ship," "The Story of the Young Prince and the Young Princess," and "Festival at Bagdad—the Sinking of Sindbad's Ship." All three are full of delicious melody, and are clear and symmetrical in form. They are orchestrated most beautifully, and the solo violin passages gave Mr. Kneisel an opportunity to exhibit his lovely tone to advantage. The concert as a whole was a superb display of virtuosity by the entire orchestra, every department distinguishing itself in tone and technic. Mr. Paur conducted admirably.

THE KNEISEL QUARTET.

Second Chamber Music Matinee at Mendelssohn Hall.

The Kneisel Quartet may well feel encouraged by the patronage it has received in the course of the present season. In addition to the usual series of evening concerts Mr. Kneisel and his associates offered this Winter three afternoon performances of chamber music, of which the second was given yesterday in the hall of the Mendelssohn Glee Club. The audience filled the room and evidently enjoyed the charming entertainment fully. Such attention and genuine appreciation as were shown yesterday are a tribute to the constantly growing musical taste of this city. The programme consisted of Haydn's quartet in D major, Opus 64, No. 5; Brahms's trio for horn, violin, and piano, and Schubert's always welcome "Forellen" quintet. The horn part in the trio was played by Mr. A. Hackebarth, first hornist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the bass part of the quintet by Mr. E. Golde of the same orchestra. The piano parts were performed by Mr. Rafael Joseffy.

It is hardly necessary to say that with such an array of artists everything moved to a most satisfying issue. The Brahms trio, which is not often heard, bears repetition very well indeed. It is a truly lovely work. The writing for the horn is masterly in its insight into the technical and expressive powers of the instrument, and the manner in which the piano and horn parts are blended at times seems the result of inspiration. That Brahms wrote such a poetic and carefully wrought out composition for such an infrequent combination of instruments was one of many evidences of his lofty conception of his own art.

The "Forellen" quintet was played by the Kneisel Quartet and Mr. Joseffy last season, and was well worth hearing again as they performed it. All of the artists engaged in yesterday's concert deserve the highest praise. Mr. Hackebarth played his horn part with absolutely flawless technic and with dignity of tone. Mr. Joseffy's piano playing was exquisite in its variety of tone color and the delicacy of its lights and shades. Furthermore, he seemed particularly en rapport with his associates yesterday, and the results were, therefore, unusually delightful.

AN OPERETTA AT DALY'S.

"Lilli Tse" Is Short, Piquant, and Pictorially Charming.

"Lilli Tse," a Japanese operetta in one act, (words by Wolfgang Kirchback, music by Franz Curtis,) was presented at Daly's Theatre last night before the performance of the "The Country Girl." It is short, fragile, and pretty, and exactly serves its purpose, and it is set on the stage with exquisite taste. The scene represents a street in a remote Japanese village, with pottery shops on one side, and a number of dainty girls painting and modelling satsuma ware, and the portal of Lilli Tse's home on the other; with the blooms of the cherry and dahlia in abundance, and an ideal Japanese landscape in the distance.

Kiki Tsum loves Lilli Tse and tells her often in sweet numbers how beautiful she is—so often and so eloquently, in fact, that Lilli Tse begins to be quite curious and longs to gaze on her own charms. For it seems that in that land of flowers there are no clear pools of water, such as that which caused the destruction of Narcissus, no shining silver flagons or bright tin dishpans in which one may see one's own face and so admire one's own beauty. And the casual introduction of a hand mirror, dropped by an English globe-trotter leads to various misunderstandings and complications in which all the inhabitants of the village, a Buddhist priest, (who is a sly old rascal,) some English tourists, and a pompous State official in a jinriksha are involved.

The music is piquant and pleasing, and the performance smooth and spirited. It is likely that "Lilli Tse," which was cordially received by a large audience last night, will so strengthen the bill that the revival of "The School for Scandal" will be still further postponed. Between the plays last night the orchestra performed "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Yankee

Doodle," and the audience applauded them vehemently.

The cast of "Lilli Tse" follows:

Kiki Teum	Frank Rushworth
Lilli Tse	Marguerite Lemon
Ming-Ming	Arthur Cunningham
Taima	Belle Harper
Miss Whiribottle	Marie St. John
A State Official	Clement Hopkins

Irving Place Theatre.

Paul Lindau's serious drama called "Die Brüder," which was acted zealously enough by Mr. Conried's German company at the Irving Place Theatre early in the week, failed to please. The typical Berlin schwank called "Die Logenbrüder," by Carl Lanft, produced last night, fared much better. It is full of comic situations and happy characterization. These performances, however, are comparatively unimportant and apart from the regular programme of the season. Next week Julie Kopacsy and her associates appear for a brief supplementary term of operetta, and then the second engagement of Agnes Sorma will begin. This finished and attractive artist has lately been acting in Germany in Sudermann's "Johannes," and her portrayal of Salome is highly praised.

An interesting event at this theatre will be the celebration next Wednesday evening, Feb. 23, of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Conried's "connection with the stage as actor-manager." Mr. Conried will then appear as Gringoire, the starving poet, in a German version of Banville's little play, and the bill will also include the forum scene of "Julius Caesar," in Schlegel's translation, and the second act of "Die Fledermaus," with Julie Kopacsy as Adele. There will be speechmaking, too.

The Twelfth Night Club's Benefit.

The annual benefit performance of the Twelfth Night Club will be given at the Empire Theatre this afternoon. Mme. Modjeska will make an address, E. J. Morgan and Annie Russell will appear in "Dangerfield, '35," by Mildred Dowling; W. H. Crane and Francis Carlyle in "A Christmas Tiding," by Clay Greene. The third act of "Sowing the Wind" will be given by Henry Miller, W. H. Thompson, W. H. Crompton, Frank Mills, Viola Allen, and Maggie Fielding. In "A Glimpse of Elysium," by Grant Stewart, many popular actors and actresses will appear. Eleanor Mayo Elverson and Chauncey Olcott will sing.

THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

At the performance of "The White Heather" last evening Mrs. Richard Croker and party and Edwin Gould and party occupied boxes.

Edward E. Rice has engaged Alexander Clark for his new play, "Monte Carlo." Mr. Clark has been identified with various other productions of Mr. Rice's.

Charles Frohman has decided to cancel all engagements for coming attractions at the Garden Theatre for the balance of the season, so as to enable Henry Miller to continue in his new play, "The Master."

Robert Hilliard, appearing in "A New Yorker," at the Columbus Theatre, will contribute the receipts of his performance on Saturday afternoon to the families of the sailors who were lost on the United States battleship Maine.

On next Thursday morning Augustin Daly's annual series of Lenten lectures will begin. Burton Holmes, who has had a most successful tour through the New England States, will this year deliver these lectures in place of Mr. Stoddard.

A midnight full-dress rehearsal for the benefit of some prominent authors and playrights of the revised opera, "A Normandy Wedding," will be given this evening after the conclusion of "The French Maid" performance at the Herald Square Theatre.

Sam T. Jack's Theatre appears to have become a fixed Broadway amusement house. The show opens with an Oriental skit entitled "The Harem of the Effendi." This is followed by a series of strong specialty acts, and the programme ends with a burlesque entitled "The Model."

Miss Elsa May, who has been singing the part of Josephine in "Pinafore" with the Castle Square Opera Company at the American Theatre, received last night a cable message necessitating her immediate return to London. She will be succeeded by Miss Jessie Conant, a young prima donna from Los Angeles.

During Miss Julia Marlowe's engagement this season at the Knickerbock Theatre her business manager, Bruce Edwards, contracted a severe cold, which subsequently developed into pneumonia. His sickness has taken a serious turn for the worse within the last few days. He is at his home with his family, at Hartford.

Joseph R. Grismer, stage manager for the Manhattan Theatre, met with a severe accident last night at the performance of "Way Down East." During the snow scene he was manipulating an electric fan which distributes the fine pieces of paper and his fingers of the right hand came in contact with the blades, almost severing them.

The benefit performance on Sunday night for the Actors' Fund of America at Koster & Bial's will be an extensive affair. Fully 200 vaudeville artists have offered their services, and those who cannot appear in a specialty of one sort or another will be utilized in the big animated song sheet, in which they will sing the chorus of the coon song, with Anna Held as the soloist.

Richard Le Gallienne will make his first appearance in America to-day at the Lyceum Theatre, and he will confine himself to readings from his most popular writings. The programme will consist of "The Burial of Romeo and Juliet," "A Spring Morning," and "The Dramatic Art Life," from "Prose Fancies"; "George Muncaster With His Children," from "The Book-Bills of Narcissus"; three lyrics, "What of the Darkness," "Marjorie and the Spring," and "Sleep for London."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE RESOLUTIONS.

They Ask a Sixteenth Amendment to Give Them the Franchise.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The most important matter that came before the National Woman Suffrage Association at its meeting this morning was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, of which Ida H. Harper of California is Chairman. A preamble to the resolutions reaffirmed the principles enunciated at the Seneca Falls meeting fifty years ago, when the question of woman suffrage was first launched, and recounted in detail the gains in the advancement of women since then.

The resolutions which were adopted demand for women citizens equality with males in the exercise of elective franchise; ask for a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution to bring this about; demand for mothers equal custody and control of their minor children, and for wives and widows an equal use and inheritance of property, and ask for women representatives on Boards of Education and public schools.

DELAWARE SOCIETY DINNER.

Ebe W. Tunnell, Governor of Delaware, was the guest of honor at the eighth annual dinner of the Delaware Society of New York, held last night at Delmonico's. He sat to the right of W. H. Stayton, who presided. Others at the guest table were Judge Edward G. Bradford of the United States District Court of Delaware, John Biggs, Charles E. Hughes, H. B. B. Stapler, W. Lee Cannon, and Medford H. Cahoon of Wilmington.

At the close of the dinner Gov. Tunnell's health was drunk standing, and he responded briefly, giving way to Judge Bradford, who replied to the toast, "The State of Delaware." The society sang their association hymn, "Delaware, My Delaware," and Mr. Biggs, who is a son of ex-Gov. Biggs and who presided over the last Delaware Constitutional Convention, spoke on "Delaware's New Constitution." Mr. Hughes spoke on "Greater New York," Mr. Cahoon on "Caesar Rodney, Delaware's Signer of the Declaration of Independence," Mr. Stapler, an ex-President of the society, on "The State of New York," and Mr. Cannon on "John M. Clayton," once Secretary of State.

Preliminary to the banquet a business meeting was held, and these officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—J. A. B. Dilworth; Vice Presidents—J. H. Marshall and W. L. Cannon; Secretary—S. L. McGonigal; Treasurer—R. E. Cochran.

Noonan Case Goes to the Jury.

The Noonan-Simpson bribery case, which has been on trial before Judges Lippincott and Hudspeth, at Jersey City, since Monday, was concluded yesterday. Attorney General Grey made the closing address. Judge Lippincott delivered an exhaustive charge. He said that many of the witnesses on one side had been discredited by witnesses on the other side. These contradictions and discrepancies must be considered by the jurors, and they must decide which witnesses they would believe. The case was given to the jury at 4:20 P. M. Up to a late hour no verdict had been reached.

ZOLA GAINS FOR DREYFUS

Gen. Pellieux Says His Guilt Was Confirmed by a Document Received After the Trial.

MAJOR ESTERHAZY TURNS PALE

His Examination Delayed Until Gen. Boisdeffre Can Be Called—Trial Takes a Sensational and Grave Turn.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The tenth day of the trial of M. Emile Zola and M. Perreux, manager of The Aurore, for reflecting on the conduct of the Esterhazy court-martial, was marked by the sensational testimony of Gen. Pellieux, who was drawn from his original policy of concealment and forced to explain more facts about the Dreyfus case, which it had been the original intention of the Government to conceal.

M. Clémenceau, counsel for The Aurore, asked the Court to order the Ministry of War to produce the original bordereau which figured in the Dreyfus trial, but the presiding Judge replied that it was impossible.

Counsel for the defense then examined M. Moriaud, the stenographer, and the latter confirmed the statements that Major Esterhazy was the writer of the bordereau.

The witness added that Major Esterhazy also wrote the word "Uhlan" in the letter addressed to Mme. de Boulancey. Experts Couard and Varinard declined to express an opinion on the letter, on the ground that they had not expertly examined it. In reply to the reiterated application of the defense for the original Esterhazy letter, the Court said decision had already been given on the subject.

Gen. Pellieux testified that he caused the seizure of the letters against Senator Scheuer-Kestner, of which Major Esterhazy denied the authorship, and which experts declared were forgeries, adding that the report of the experts and the letters themselves were in the hands of Magistrate Bertulus.

The defense then expressed a desire to see the originals, and the Presiding Judge replied that the request would be sent to the Government. A reply is expected to-morrow.

Prof. Giry of the Record Office affirmed that the writings of Major Esterhazy and of the bordereau bore a striking resemblance.

Gen. Pellieux Reveals a Secret.

During Prof. Giry's evidence M. Zola interposed, declaring that forty very eminent personages held the same opinions as the Professor, adding:

"We did not call all of them, because we did not wish to abuse the time of the Court and jury."

Dr. Hericourt testified that the physiological characteristics showed the bordereau to be in Major Esterhazy's handwriting, and, he added, Col. Picquart was prepared to prove in court that Major Esterhazy could have known the contents of the bordereau, providing his, the Colonel's evidence could be heard behind closed doors.

Gen. Gonse was then called. He affirmed that technical details precluded any one but an artillery officer from writing the bordereau. A warm discussion ensued between Gen. Gonse and Col. Picquart as to the date the bordereau was seized. Col. Picquart said it was in April and Gen. Gonse contended it was in August.

M. Labori intervened and scored by pointing out that in the formal document in which the accusation was brought against Dreyfus the date is April, and he made this an argument against the General.

Col. Picquart then announced that he was willing to make a statement without closed doors, and the court took a short adjournment in order to consider the matter. When the session was resumed Gen. Pellieux rose, and, in an unexpectedly loud voice, said:

"I ask to be allowed to speak."

His manner caused excitement in court, and it increased as the General, advancing steadily to the witness stand, said:

"We have acted legally, but as the defense has not cited certain essential matters, I will repeat, in the words of Col. Henry:

"'You ask for light. Then you shall have it.'"

Absolute Proof of Dreyfus's Guilt.

Continuing, Gen. Pellieux remarked:

"At the time M. Castelin interpolated the Government, the Minister for War had received absolute proof of the guilt of Dreyfus. This proof, which I have seen, is in the form of a note in which are the words:

"'Never say you have had relations with this Jew.'

"This note was not signed, and was accompanied by a visiting card on which was the same cipher word as on the document. Gen. Boisdeffre can corroborate what I have said." [Applause.]

The revelation made by Gen. Pellieux caused the greatest sensation among the military men, who expressed regret at the fact that the General should be "forced by attacks on the army to reveal matter which should be kept secret."

"This is an absolutely new feature thrown into the case," said M. Labori.

"You have read the report of M. d'Ormescheville," replied Gen. Pellieux, "although it was read behind closed doors."

To this remark M. Labori retorted:

"This document cannot be considered reliable evidence until it has been fully examined. The condemnation of Dreyfus was brought about by a secret document, and it now appears that a second document exists. Why should it not be discussed? The excitement in the country is increasing daily; it is our duty to insist upon the fullest light, and, whatever may be said, a revision of the trial has now become absolutely imperative." [Murmurs and applause.]

Labori Wants the Document.

"Let this document be shown us," continued M. Zola's counsel, "and if Dreyfus is guilty we will admit the fact, and we will all return to our avocations, of peace or war, which, Mon Générale, we need not fear with such officers as you!" [Applause.]

Continuing, M. Labori remarked:

"Let Gen. Pellieux, therefore, explain himself unreservedly, and let the document be brought."

"I absolutely approve of the words of Gen. Pellieux," replied Gen. Gonse, "but I do not think the documents in question can be brought here."

At this stage of the case, Gen. Pellieux interposed, saying:

"Mention has been made of a secret document introduced at the court-martial, but no proof has been adduced. I ask that Gen. Boisdeffre be heard."

A Captain was then dispatched to fetch the General referred to. In the meanwhile the Presiding Judge called upon Major Esterhazy to testify, but M. Labori intervened. He said:

"Oh! No! Not until Gen. Boisdeffre has been heard. The incident is too grave for the case to proceed until it is completely cleared up."

Major Esterhazy, who was about to enter the witness stand, his face deadly pale, thereupon withdrew and the court suspended the session in order to allow M. Labori to draw up certain arguments.

In the meantime the excitement in court was very great. The incident was discussed in a frenzied manner, and the general opinion expressed was that the trial had taken a sensational and grave turn.

Col. Picquart, who was recalled with reference to a statement made by Gen. Pellieux, declared that Major Esterhazy could easily have acquired the information contained in the bordereau The General had maintained that only an artilleryman could have known the facts referred to.

Gen. Gonse, who was also recalled, maintained the contrary.

When the court was again called to order Gen. Boisdeffre had not arrived, and so the Court was adjourned until to-morrow.

FRANCIS JOSEPH AND DREYFUS.

Emperor of Austria Expresses a Conviction of His Innocence.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Vienna says Emperor Francis Joseph has expressed a conviction that Dreyfus is innocent.

The Paris correspondent of The Daily News Says:

"Gen. Pellieux's manner suggested that he had a lurking suspicion that the new document he announced was a forgery. I know the General Staff believe that Dreyfus betrayed France to Germany; and this is indicated by the fact that the railway chart of the mobilization plan has been altered at a great expense. But what becomes of Germany's emphatic denial?"

MIDNIGHT FIRE IN LONDON.

Sir Henry Irving's Scenery Store House in Peril—Free Library and Warehouse Ignited.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Shortly after midnight a fire was discovered in the archway under the London, Chatham and Dover Railway, near the Ludgate Hill Station, which is used by Sir Henry Irving as a storehouse for the scenery of the Lyceum Theatre.

At 3 o'clock the fire was still in progress, and had spread to the Free Library, adjoining, and to a warehouse in another arch.

The traffic on the railway has been partially suspended.

MINING HORROR IN PRUSSIA.

Large Loss of Life Due to an Explosion of Fire-damp at Hamme—Many Bodies Taken Out.

BOCHUM, Prussia, Feb. 17.—A terrible explosion of fire-damp occurred in the Vereinigte Carolinenglueck Colliery, at Hamme, early this morning.

Thirty-seven bodies have been recovered. In addition, many miners have been seriously injured. It is believed that fifty persons have perished.

Later reports show that thirty miners were severely injured, and it is believed that there are still thirty or forty men remaining in the pit. There is no hope of saving the latter.

Late this evening fifty-three had been extricated from the mine, and five men are still missing. The majority of the injured will die.

200 FISHERMEN SWEPT AWAY.

A Tract of Ice on the Gulf of Finland Coast Breaks Adrift.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17.—A dispatch received here from Helsingfors says that a tract of ice on the coast of the Gulf of Finland broke adrift in a snowstorm yesterday and was carried to sea with 200 fishermen and several horses.

AMERICAN FRUIT IN AUSTRIA.

Interpellation in Regard to Its Prohibition Made in Vienna.

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—In the Lower House of the Diet to-day the Mayer group submitted an interpellation to the Statthalter, asking if it was not intended to prohibit the importation of American fruit, in view of the danger from the San José louse.

NEW CABINET IN NORWAY.

Ex-Premier Steen Intrusted with the Government.

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 17.—Ex-Premier Steen, who was intrusted with the task of forming a new Ministry, completed the Cabinet to-day and submitted the names to King Oscar.

Later in the day it was announced the Cabinet was officially appointed.

MAY ADVANCE BARON CROMER.

To Become British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a rumor that Baron Cromer, Minister Plenipotentiary in the diplomatic service, and British Agent and Consul General in Egypt since 1883, will become Imperial Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs after the capture of Khartoum by the Anglo-Egyption expedition.

FORCED LOAN IN NICARAGUA.

Charles and William Leonard, Americans, Arrested for One Night.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Texas, Feb. 17.—The Congress of Nicaragua has authorized President Zelaya to collect 500,000 pesos by forced loan.

Charles and William Leonard of Cambridge, Mass., who were on their way to Salvador, through Western Nicaragua, on commercial business, and traveling on muleback, were arrested several days ago and were imprisoned for one night. They were released by order of President Zelaya and will start for home early in March.

BRITISH LOAN FOR CHINA.

The Daily Mail Says It Has Been Arranged on the Terms Published.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Daily Mail says this morning that it understands a British loan to China has been practically arranged on the terms previously published.

Russians Leave the Black Sea.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Tamboff, of 8,640 tons displacement, belonging to the Russian volunteer fleet, passed through the Bosporus yesterday, with 2,000 soldiers and 16 cannon, bound for Vladivostock.

MATAAFA'S RETURN DELAYED.

England Thinks It Would Be Wise to Keep Him Out of Samoa.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In reply to James F. Hogan, Anti-Parnellite, Member for the Middle Division of Tipperary in the House of Commons, Mr. Curzon, the Parliamentary Secretary, said it was true Germany had expressed her willingness that Chief Mataafa should return to Samoa if the United States and Great Britain were agreeable, and Great Britain, on the advice of the British Consul at Apia, had replied that it would be a wise precaution to postpone his pardon until the powers were assured that the rebellion in certain districts was ended.

TWELVE SAILORS MISSING.

Captain and Three Men of the Chilean Ship Atacama Reach Sydney.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 17.—The tug Leveret has arrived here and reports having picked up a boat containing the Captain and three members of the crew of the Chilean ship Atacama, bound from Newcastle, N. S. W., to San Diego. The Atacama had been abandoned at sea. Twelve of her crew, who left the vessel in boats, are missing.

The Atacama sailed from Newcastle on Jan. 29. The rescued were picked up forty miles off the coast. They had been eight days without food and water. A steamer has been sent to search for those who left in boats, but there are faint hopes of finding them.

SIR JAMES STANSFELD DEAD.

Former British Cabinet Officer and Member of Parliament Expires.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Right Hon. Sir James Stansfeld is dead.

The Right Hon. Sir James Stansfeld was born in Halifax in 1820. He was educated at University College, London, and called to the bar in 1849. In 1859 he was first returned for Halifax as an advanced Liberal. He was a Lord of the Admiralty from 1863 to 1864, when he resigned in consequence of his intimacy with Mazzini, which was antagonistic to public opinion; he was Under Secretary of State for India in 1868-9, Financial Secretary of the Treasury from 1869-71, and President of the Local Government Board from 1871-4. Sir James soon became one of the most prominent members of the Liberal Party, but he was excluded from the Ministry of 1880, owing to his objection to the Contagious Diseases acts, and it was not until 1886 that he again held office, when he became President of the Local Government Board, with a seat in the Cabinet, in succession to Mr. Chamberlain. He was retired from Parliament at the last election. He was in the front of the supporters of the principles of woman suffrage.

Assignment in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—Testor & Co., wholesale confectioners, have assigned. The assets amount to nearly $70,000; liabilities not stated.

SOME FEBRUARY WEDDINGS

Miss Sarah Henrietta Crane and Raymond Sanford White Married at Calvary Church.

SERVICE LARGELY ATTENDED

A Reception at the Home of the Bride's Aunt Follows the Ceremony—The Couple to Spend a Summer Abroad.

The marriage of Miss Sarah Henrietta Crane and Raymond Sanford White took place at Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-first Street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was witnessed by a large number of society people. The Rev. William Huckel of Passaic, N. J., who performed the ceremony, was assisted by the Rev. J. Lewis Parks, rector of Calvary.

Two thousand invitations were issued for the ceremony, a large part of which were accepted. The interior of the edifice was handsomely decorated with hedges of palms and smaller designs in southern smilax and white roses.

The six bridesmaids were in pretty costumes of pink poplin and chiffon, with hats of the same material and color, and carried loose bunches of lilies of the valley. They were Miss Jane Rutherford Faile, Miss Florence Beekman Bailey, Miss Mabel Hinman, Miss Angela O'Connor, Miss Adele Louise Ingersoll, and Miss Elsie Schuyler Lefferts. The bride wore white satin trimmed with duchesse lace, and veil of tulle. She wore a diamond necklace and a diamond tiara, the gift of the bridegroom.

Roger Baldwin acted as best man, and the ushers were Guy McLane, Thomas De Berboise, William Beadleson, William Payne, George Phelps, and Thomas C. Havens.

After the ceremony a reception to the members of the bridal party, the immediate relatives, and a few intimate friends was held at the residence of Mrs. E. S. Crane, the bride's aunt, at 37 West Forty-seventh Street.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Yale, of the class of 1895, and many of his college mates were present both at the church and at the reception. Mrs. Crane's residence was decorated in a prettily arranged scheme of green and white, palms and Southern smilax being picked out with large white roses. The wedding luncheon was served by Delmonico. Mr. and Mrs. White left for their honeymoon early in the evening. They will spend the Summer abroad.

King—Appleton.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Tarrant Putnam King was married to-day to Miss Marion Appleton, the eldest daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Francis A. Appleton. The wedding took place at Immanuel Church. Miss Julia Lawrence, second daughter of Bishop Lawrence, was maid of honor, and Mr. King was attended by Frank Rogers. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Lawrence, assisted by the Rev. Leighton Parks, rector of the church.

EMMA WILLARD MUSICALE.

Given at the Waldorf-Astoria to Aid the Scholarship Fund.

Under the auspices of the Emma Willard Association, a reading and musicale in aid of the Emma Willard Scholarship Fund was held in the Myrtle Room of the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon. Nearly two hundred persons of prominence in social circles attended. Mrs. Russell Sage, who is the President of the association, prefaced the programme by reminding that the day was the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Willard. Robert S. Manuel, at one time a teacher in the Emma Willard Seminary, presented a paper entitled "In the Footprints of a Rustic Poet."

Some of the participants in the programme were Miss Clara H. Cowles, Miss Janet S. McEwen, Miss Friesson, James Llewellyn Ewell, William Ewing, William Lawrence, and John H. James. Mr. Ewell sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," the words of which were written by Mrs. Emma Willard in 1831 and sung for the first time at the Old Park Theatre by the composer of the music, who was Joseph P. Knight.

THE THURSDAY MUSICALES.

The First of a Series at Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith's.

The first of what promises to be an interesting as well as instructive series of Thursday musicales, under the management of the "Trio Club," was given last evening at the apartments of Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith in the Tolosa, 145 West Fifty-eighth Street, and was attended by nearly 200 lovers of music. The "Trio Club" is an organization composed of about fifty members of old New York families well known in social circles, who will attempt to give six rehearsals and six concerts during the season. The rehearsals are to be held in the afternoon and the concerts at night, always on Thursday.

Among those who provided the music last night were Miss Julia Gilman, Mrs. Adele Lacis Baldwin, Regnar Kidde, and Miss Florence Gale. Refreshments were served after the music. Some of those interested in the musicales are Mrs. William B. Hornblower, Mrs. Anson R. Flower, Mrs. Talcott Van Santvoord, Mrs. Henry Rogers Marshall, Miss Van Wyck, Mrs. George Walton Green, Mrs. Melbert B. Cary, Mrs. George C. Clark, and Mrs. Walter Cook.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Mrs. Orlando S. Johnson gave a small reception to young people last night at her apartments, 640 Madison Avenue. The event was in honor of Miss Dougherty.

Col. and Mrs. George L. Gillespie of 49 East Fifty-third Street entertained at dinner last evening. The decorations were pink roses and Farleyense ferns. Covers were laid for twelve.

The second and last of the dinner dances of the Prospect Heights Assembly was held at the Park House, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, last night. Covers were laid for seventy-two. Dancing started at 10 o'clock. The patronesses were Mrs. Thomas E. Pearsall, Mrs. James E. Hayes, Mrs. J. C. Dettmer, Mrs. F. W. Wurster, Mrs. J. B. Bogart, Mrs. Chester J. Richards, Mrs. William C. Wallace, and Mrs. E. L. Rossiter.

The anniversary breakfast yesterday afternoon of the Chiropean at the Knapp mansion, Bedford Avenue and Ross Street, Brooklyn, was graced by the presence of Helena Modjeska, the actress. Several hundred guests were seated at long tables. Mrs. Alvah G. Brown, the President of the society, introduced the guests of honor, among whom besides Mme. Modjeska were Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Cornelius Zabriskie, President of the Packer Alumnae of Packer; Miss Emma Simis, and Mrs. Henry A. Powell. There was a musical programme under the direction of Mrs. E. I. Grant.

In the name of charity some one hundred and fifty society people gathered at the residence of Mrs. Effingham H. Nichols, 620 Fifth Avenue, yesterday afternoon and listened to a pleasantly arranged musicale. The New York Home for Convalescents, at 433 East One Hundred and Eighteenth Street, will benefit. A Shakespearan rantasia, in which the music of Shakespeare's play is set to the harp, was the feature. Miss Elizabeth Sloman was harpist, and Paul Willard of the Académie of France was the reader. He also sang Massenet's "Herodiade" and the ballad "Open Thy Blue Eyes" by the same composer. Mrs. Emma Juch Wellman sang several times, and Perry Averill, Frank W. Saeger, and Mrs. Mary F. Brooks, as well as the Courtney Ladies' Quartet and the Columbia University Mandolin Club, also engaged in entertaining.

PRINCE GEORGE AND CRETE.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Paris correspondent of The Times says:

"Russia, France, and England, with Germany's assent, persist in supporting the candidacy of Prince George of Greece, who on taking the title of Sovereign Prince of Crete would renounce his rights to the Greek throne, thus meeting the objection that his appointment would be the indirect annexation of Crete to Greece. It is believed the difficulty will be settled in this manner."

THIRD PANEL JURY DINNER.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew and the Rev. Dr. Paxton Speak of the Loss of the Battleship Maine.

Nearly 250 men sat down to the annual dinner of the Third Panel Sheriff's jury, held last night at Delmonico's. The colors of the panel are heliotrope and gold, and great bands of heliotrope satin decorated the front of the guest table, heliotrope bunting was festooned from the corners of the big banquet hall to the centre chandelier, and sprays of cleverly fashioned artificial heliotrope adorned the lids of the ice cream boxes. The menu cards bore the crest of the panel, with the announcement of the dinner in raised gold lettering.

The souvenirs were porcelain tankards, with lids of solid silver, bearing the etched inscription, "Banquet, Third Panel Sheriff's Jury, Feb. 17, 1898," around a raised shield showing the insignia of the Sheriff's office. They were made by Theodore B. Starr.

There were no set toasts or speeches. Chauncey M. Depew presided by special request. On either side of him sat Justices Gildersleeve, McAdam, Scott, and Daly, Controller Coler, Corporation Counsel Whalen, Senator Cantor, the Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton, and Marion J. Verdery. Both Dr. Depew and Dr. Paxton, who made the principal addresses, referred to the Maine disaster, and declared that public judgment should be suspended until after the official investigation. The first toast drunk was to the dead of the battleship.

Dr. Depew, in his introductory remarks, said that at what might be called the first festive gathering of representative American citizens since the disaster in the harbor of Havana, it was proper to refer to that event.

"It seems to me," he said, "one of the most significant occurrences of the century. It is but natural that suggestive thoughts should be aroused, but we must remember that other nations have suffered in like manner. If the Maine was the only ship ever lost we might demand at once an accounting for the disaster. But other nations have suffered. England, Germany, Italy, and Spain have each of them experienced similar disasters with their great floating fortresses."

Dr. Depew argued briefly that the loss of the Maine and the greater part of her crew might well be the result of an unforeseen accident, and went on:

"If the naval battleship as now constructed is simply a death trap for those in her, the whole scheme of naval architecture appears to be a failure, and naval genius and constructive talent must find some other means by which our coast can be defended.

"We are not here to-night to indulge in any reflection in any direction, and I hope to God there can be no basis for any reflection at any time; but we cannot at this particular hour but pay a tribute of respect to those who at the post of duty have died under the flag of the Union. The first sentiment I ask you to drink to-night will be 'The loving memory of those who died on the battleship Maine.'"

The toast was drunk standing and in silence, and then Dr. Depew made one of his characteristic speeches, crowded with anecdotes, some new, some old, but all laughter-provoking.

Dr. Paxton, who followed, eulogized Dr. Depew, and declared it was the talking man who ruled the world. He referred briefly to the speech which captured the Democratic Presidential Convention for W. J. Bryan, and to the 6,000,000 votes which rewarded his talking. He declared that it was Dr. Depew's power to speak that had made his "name a household word throughout the country and himself the typical American at all the Courts in Europe," and that if it were not for his sense of humor he might be President of the United States. But he said to be successful a man must be serious. He would rise by his gravity, as it were.

Referring to the Maine disaster, Dr. Paxton recalled the assassination of President Garfield and the suspicions of a conspiracy that aroused the country, and the excitement and uproar in Washington.

"Since the murder of President Garfield," he said, "no such exciting event has occurred as the accident to the Maine, and to see this gathering of gentlemen so composed, without excitement or menace, the people generally so orderly, the streets quiet and no nurses and children in the arms, this great Republic and the self-control of the American citizen. So I say to you to-night, remembering the death of Garfield and the insane excitement and suspicions which prevailed over the land, let us reserve our judgment and do nothing to inspire excitement.

"Calmly and patiently let us await the result of the investigation into the accident, and then if it should be found wrong has been done and treachery has been practiced, you and I are still young enough to offer our service to the country that shelters us and to the flag which is our glory."

Marion J. Verdery and others spoke before the function was concluded.

The Reform Club Dinner.

Col. George E. Waring, Jr., former Commissioner of the Street Cleaning Department, is expected to speak at the dinner to be given at the Reform Club next Saturday night, on the general subject of street cleaning methods. Col. Waring's remarks will form part of the after-dinner discussion of "The City's Health," which will be participated in by several other members of the Reform Club.

DEATH LIST OF A DAY.

Joshua Fry Bullitt.

Joshua Fry Bullitt, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky at the breaking out of the civil war and a distinguished lawyer and jurist for nearly fifty years, died Wednesday at his home near Louisville, aged seventy-six years. In the course of the civil war Mr. Bullitt was arrested by the Government officials, with others, on the pretense that they were conspiring to invite the Confederacy into Kentucky. The charge against him did not hold, however.

Mr. Bullitt retired from the practice of law several years ago with a competency. One of his most celebrated cases involved the boot and shoe contracts of John Stevens, which was settled finally by compromise after pending thirty-four years. In politics Mr. Bullitt was a Whig and later a Douglas Democrat. A widow and two sons, Attorney Joshua Bullitt of Big Stone Gap, Va., and Dr. James Bullitt of Louisville, survive. John C. Bullitt of Philadelphia and Thomas W. Bullitt of Louisville are brothers.

Obituary Notes.

WILLIAM DUMME, formerly senior Warden at the Church of Our Saviour, Brooklyn, died yesterday morning at his residence, 402 Tenth Street, Brooklyn, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. The funeral will be held to-morrow evening, and burial will be on Sunday.

Mrs. JAMES H. GRIFFITHS died at the residence of her son in East Rockaway Wednesday at the age of ninety-two years. She was born in Huntington, and her father was David Valentine. Her mother was Fanny Ireland, and both were direct descendants of the original settlers of Long Island.

EPHRAIM A. ARNOLD, doorman of the Harbor Police at Pier A, died yesterday at his home, 2,000 Burnside Avenue, of kidney trouble. Mr. Arnold was fifty-three years old, and served throughout the civil war. He was a member of William D. Kennedy Post, G. A. R., in which he held several offices. The deceased, who was a toolmaker by trade, was appointed a doorman Feb. 2, 1893. He leaves a wife and three children.

Dr. JAMES WILKINSON died at his home, Bergen Avenue and Brinkerhoff Street, Jersey City, yesterday from heart disease, by which he was prostrated on Sunday. He was born in Acerington, England, April 27, 1837. He came to this country when a child and made his home with his uncle, on Staten Island. He was educated in New York, and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1858. He established himself in the old town of Bergen, now a part of Jersey City, and built up a large practice. In 1860 he married Miss Lizzie Y. Burton. Ten children were born of the union, of whom seven are still living.

MR. SMITH'S FUNERAL.

Former Colleagues in the Assembly Send a Floral Chair.

The funeral of Assemblyman Thomas M. Smith, who died Monday at his home, 329 West Fifty-first Street, took place yesterday in the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Fifty-first Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues. There was a large number of persons present, including delegations from several organizations. Many floral pieces were sent by friends. The Right Rev. M. Mooney, Vicar General, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Waller, the Rev. John Roach, and the Rev. John Ryan.

The pall bearers were ex-Senator George W. Plunkitt, Mr. Smith's partner in business; Aldermen Robert Muh and Francis J. Goodwin, Civil Justice John O'Gorman, ex-Congressman John Quinn, William Byrnes, Patrick Nugent, and John Scully. The interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

A large chair made of flowers, in representation of Assemblyman Smith's seat in the Assembly at Albany, was sent by the members of the Assembly, and it bore the number of Assemblyman Smith's seat—146.

Funeral of Ensign Breckinridge.

Funeral services over the remains of Ensign Joseph C. Breckinridge, who was drowned off Havana Harbor last week from the Cushing, were held at the navy yard yesterday. The remains arrived on the Ward Line steamer Seneca from Havana on Wednesday. They were taken to the navy yard on the Government tug Narkuta, and received with naval honors. The officers and sailors escorted the remains to the chapel attached to the marine barracks, where the services were read. The body was taken by the Narkuta to Jersey City, and from there sent to Lexington, Ky., the home of the late ensign, accompanied by Mr. Hines, a representative of the Breckinridge family, and a guard. As the tug left the yard the marines fired a volley and "taps" were sounded.

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THE FINANCIAL MARKETS

Stock market irregular.

Although yesterday's stock market showed considerable irregularity, there was a much firmer tone than on Wednesday. The market was less active, the transactions aggregating about 425,000 shares. At the close of the day net changes in most stocks were advances.

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All day long Wall Street was inflicted with wild rumors regarding the situation at Havana and at Washington. Stories of the most sensational sort were spread broadcast, each successive edition of the sensational newspapers surpassing the others in wealth of imagination. The story that official investigation had disclosed that the Maine was blown up by a torpedo was given to Wall Street early in the day, and kept well before it until the close of business. The Government at Washington was said to be mobilizing the fleet at Key West, and holding it in readiness to shell Havana immediately. The Havana cable was reported cut, and this was proclaimed as an act of war. In view of the sensational and conflicting rumors with which Wall Street was deluged, the strength of the market was surprising. The traders, of course, seized every opportunity to raid the market, but their attacks were followed by quick rallies.

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Yesterday's market reflected accurately the nervousness and apprehension that were to be met everywhere in the Street. In many quarters there is confidence that the whole Maine episode will be quickly investigated and disposed of, and the relations between the Spanish and American Governments left in an even better state than heretofore. On the other hand, there is a general fear that serious complications will result from the disaster in Havana Harbor. Wall Street's professional rumor manufacturers, aided nobly by the sensational press, will, of course, make the most of the unsettled state of affairs and the widespread nervousness. In view of this, many of the conservative financiers of the Street, who are in nowise fearful of war or anything resembling war, are counseling caution, pointing out that until the whole matter is disposed of there must be thrown into Wall Street a great lot of sensational misinformation, which, although true, will influence sentiment.

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In the business world there is nowhere to be found any warrant for bearishness. Reports from all sections show a steady improvement with both industrial and railroad corporations. There is, in fact, in the general situation every reason for confidence, and a belief in higher prices for securities. But with the Cuban situation unsettled as it is, and with the possibilities of serious developments, there is at least ample warrant for conservatism and caution in so far as speculation is concerned.

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Government bonds were dull. There were no sales.

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Net changes in stock quotations of one-half of 1 per cent. or more were:

Stocks Advanced.

Am. Tobacco	⅝	Norf. & West. pf.	1½
Brook. R. T.	⅞	North American	1½
Canada South.	⅞	Northern Pacific	½
Chi., B. & Q.	⅝	North. Pac. pf.	⅞
Chi., M. & St. P.	⅞	Or. Imp., 5th in. pd.	1
Chi. Term. Tr. pf.	½	Or. R. R. & Nav.	2¼
Consol. Gas	1¼	Penn. R. R.	½
Den. & R. G. pf.	¾	Pullman Car	1
Erie 1st pf.	1⅝	Reading 2d pf.	⅝
Gen. Electric	⅝	St. J. & G. I. 1st pf.	⅝
Illinois Central	1	St. L. & S. F. 2d pf.	½
Laclede Gas	1	St. Paul & Om.	1
Lake Shore	⅛	South. Railway pf.	½
Louis. & Nash.	⅛	Tenn. C. & I.	⅛
Manhattan Con	⅝	Un. Pac. all in. pd.	⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	2⅜	Un. Pacific pf.	¾
M., & St. L. 2d pf.	1	U. P., D. & G. t. r.	⅛
Minnesota Iron	1⅝	U. S. Leather pf.	¾
Missouri Pacific	⅞	U. S. Rubber pf.	⅝
N. Y. Central	½	West. Un. Tel	¾

Stocks Declined.

Am. Sp. Mfg. pf.	2	Lake Erie & West.	¾
Am. Suger Ref. pf.	¾	Met. Street Ry.	⅝
Ann Arbor pf.	1	Mobile & Ohio	1
Brook. Union Gas	1½	National Lead	⅝
Chi., Ind. & L. pf.	¾	Nat. Linseed Oil	½
Chi., Ind. & L. pr. pf.	¾	Or. R. R. & Nav. pf.	1½
Chi. & E. Ill. pf.	1	Ore. Short Line	½
Ed. El. Ill. of N. Y.	1⅛	P., C., C. & St. L.	1½
Erie 2d pf.	¾	Third Avenue	½
Ft. W. & D. C.	⅞	United States Rub.	½
Hawaiian Sugar	⅞	West Chi. Street	½
Ill. Steel Co.	2		

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Net changes in bond quotations of 1 per cent. or more were:

Bonds Advanced.

B'way & 7th Av. 1st.	1¼	L. & N. 1st, N. O. & Mob. 1st	1⅝
C., M. & St. P. 1st C. & P. 6s	1	L. & N., P. & A. 1st	3
Chi. & Northw. con.	1	L. & N., So. & N. Ala. 5s	3
C. & W. I. gen. 6s	1⅛	Mo., K. & Texas 2d.	1
Dul., S. S. & At. 5s	1	O. S. L. con. 5s	1¼
Geo. Pacific 1st.	1	O. S. L. inc. B.	1⅛
Kan. Pac. Con. & D. Div.	1	So. Car. & Geo. 1st	1
Koo. & D. M. 1st	2½	U. P., C. & C. 1st	6
L. Val. of N. Y. 1st	1		

Bonds Declined.

Brook. W. & W. 5s	1	Int. & Gt. Nor. 2d	1½
C., M. & St. P. 1st. C. & Mo. R. 5s	1	St. L. & S. F. 4s	1¼

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

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Clearing House exchanges, $139,286,234; balances, $6,873,431; Sub-Treasury debit balance, $425,837.

Money on call in London, 2½@2¾ per cent. Discount in open market, 2¾ per cent. for short and 2⅝ per cent. for three months' bills.

Foreign exchange market was steady. Posted rates were unchanged at $4.84 for sixty days and $4.86½ for demand. Actual business was done at $4.83@$4.83¼ for sixty-day bills, $4.85⅝ for demand, $4.85⅝ for cable transfers, and $4.82½@$4.83 for commercial.

In Continental, Paris francs were quoted at 5.21¼ for long and 5.20 for short, reichsmarks at 94 9-16 and 95, and guilders at 40⅛ @40 5-16.

New York exchange quoted as follows: Chicago—50c discount. Boston—12½@16 2-3c discount. San Francisco—Sight, 20c premium; telegraphic, 22½c premium. New Orleans—Commercial, $1 discount; bank, par. Savannah—Buying, par; selling, 1-10c premium. Charleston—Buying, 1-16c discount; selling, 1-16c premium. Cincinnati—Between banks, 25c discount; over counter, 50c premium.

THE LONDON MARKET.

American shares were strong in the London market. The principal changes were: Advanced—Erie first preferred, 1¼, to 43; Illinois Central, 1¼, to 108; New York Central, ⅞, to 120⅝; Reading, ⅝, to 11; Pennsylvania, ⅝, to 60⅜; St. Paul, ⅝, to 97½; Louisville and Nashville, ⅝, to 60⅜; Atchison, ½, to 13⅝, and Canadian Pacific, ⅝, to 89⅞. British consols were steady at 112⅝ for money and 112⅝ for the account.

The Bank of England lost £26,000 bullion on balance. The rate of discount was unchanged at 3 per cent. The weekly statement of the bank shows the following changes: Total reserve increased £632,000, circulation decreased £184,000, bullion increased £447,873, other securities increased £5,000, other deposits decreased £838,000, public deposits increased £1,481,000, note reserve increased £663,000, Government securities decreased £5,000. The proportion of reserve to liability, which last week was 45.09 per cent., now stands at 45.77 per cent., an advance from 53.42 per cent. to 53.76 per cent. in the corresponding period last year.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation decreased 33,000,000f; Treasury accounts current increased 850,000f; gold on hand increased 2,675,000f; bills discounted decreased 29,175,000f; silver on hand decreased 100,000f.

In Paris rentes sold at 103f. 72½c., and exchange on London was 25f. 27c. In Berlin exchange on London was 20 marks 43½ pfennigs. Gold was quoted in Buenos Ayres at 167, in Lisbon at 47⅝, and in Rome at 105.17.

SOME METROPOLITAN FIGURES.

Metropolitan Street Railway yesterday sold up to 58, but later dropped back, losing its early gain, and closing with a fractional loss. Over 10,000 shares of the stock were traded in. There were indications of liquidation of the stock and apparently there was no support given it from the inside. In some quarters it is intimated that the pool in Metropolitan Street Railway has sold out its stock, having taken profits between 160 and 170.

Regarding the distribution of scrip to Metropolitan stockholders, the following computation was made yesterday by a Wall Street man who is inclined to think the stock at its present price somewhat high. Said this gentleman:

"The Metropolitan Street Railway is to be a 7 per cent. stock, and present stockholders are to receive in new stock a dividend equal to 33 1-3 per cent. This sounds very bullish, but it does not seem to me that it warrants the price at which the stock is now selling.

"Taking six 7 per cent. stocks, three railroads and three industrials, you will find that their market prices average about 132. For instance:

St. Paul pf.	149½	Sugar pf.	112⅝
Northwest pf.	175	Glucose pf.	96
Omaha pf.	151½	Lead pf.	108½
Average			132¼

"Taking 132 as a fair price for a 7 per cent. stock, we will assume that that is what Metropolitan at present should be worth. Each share of the stock is to receive in stock dividend an additional $44, for which only $33 is to be paid. That is to say, stockholders are to buy for $33 something which, according to present market price, is worth $44, thus gaining $11. Add this $11 to the $132, and you get $143, which should be a fair price for Metropolitan Street Railway."

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Much strength was shown by the other local traction stocks yesterday. Brooklyn Rapid Transit was the feature of the group, being unusually active and exhibiting considerable buoyancy. Over 23,000 shares of the stock changed hands, and it made a substantial gain for the day. There was again much inside buying of the stock, and many of the commission houses took round lots of it on the reports of the success of the trolley service over Brooklyn Bridge. Wall Street houses identified with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company say that the traffic returns of the next two or three days will do much toward improving sentiment on the stock and making apparent the profits to be made from the new bridge service.

Manhattan Elevated was comparatively inactive but strong. The stock sold up to 115⅝, and made a fractional net gain for the day. Brokers credited with acting for the financial interests who of late have been buyers of Manhattan were active in the stock yesterday.

Third Avenue Railroad, on small transactions, made a fractional decline.

THE SUGAR TRUST WAR.

The warfare between the Sugar Trust and Arbuckle Brothers is to be pushed vigorously, each side claiming to be fully prepared for the contest. The Trust's cut of half a cent a pound in the price of roasted coffee was promptly met by Arbuckle Brothers. The latter firm has apparently determined to continue its policy of acting on the defensive, leaving to the Sugar Trust the aggressive part of the coffee trade war. It is understood from Wall Street men close to the Arbuckle establishment, however, that when the firm gets its new sugar refinery completed new tactics will be adopted and efforts made to have the battles fought in the Sugar Trust's own territory.

Sugar Trust stock showed strength early yesterday, but later weakness again developed, and the stock sold down to 136. Much of the selling appeared to come from interests identified with the Trust.

STANDARD OIL BUYING.

There were many evidences in yesterday's market of large buying by Standard Oil interests, especially of St. Paul. The "Standard Oil crowd," as Wall Street is pleased to term it, has not been credited with stock market activity for several months. The millionaires of the Oil Trust were understood to have sold out and taken immense profits in the boom of last September, since when there have been no indications of their activity in Wall Street. Yesterday, however, Standard Oil brokers were active purchasers of many stocks, and from quarters where such hints are usually productive came intimations of important speculative plans recently mapped out at 26 Broadway.

THE EUROPEAN ATTITUDE.

Throughout the recent nervousness in the American stock market and the weakness shown by stocks in response to the Maine disaster, London has been a persistent and at times a heavy buyer in the New York market. In fact, London has been an important sustaining factor in this market for some days past. At London there have been activity and strength shown in the American department, and the buying orders for London and Continental account executed at New York have been large. Yesterday morning London prices showed advances, and in the first two hours all of the foreign houses were active on the buying side. Purchases for London account yesterday were estimated at 30,000 shares.

This attitude of the foreign speculator or investor (whichever it may be) is surprising in view of the recent selling of American securities by London and the bearish talk that is continually printed in the British financial journals. Many Wall Street men are inclined to look upon the buying as indicative of the growing confidence in the American situation and in American securities abroad.

COMMISSION HOUSE BULLISHNESS.

Commission houses were buyers of stocks yesterday on an extensive scale. Many of the more prominent of them evidently had large buying orders for strong interests, and the smaller houses also took round lots of the Vanderbilts, Grangers, and local traction stocks. Among the commission brokers there is a disposition to regard the Maine incident and the consequent weakness of stocks as helpful to the market. They are inclined to look for a nervous and unsettled market for the next few days, but most of them predict a continuation of the upward movement without any material decline from the present level.

BULL TIPS ON TOBACCO.

Tobacco was again notably strong yesterday at times when the rest of the market was discouragingly weak. The stock sold up to 92⅝ and closed near that price with a fractional gain. About 17,000 shares changed hands. Much of the buying seemed to be for pool account, and was at all times aggressive. Around 92, however, there was a liberal supply of stock which apparently came from inside interests. Numerous bull tips on Tobacco are to be met with throughout the Street, and much is to be heard regarding an extra dividend on the stock, although for this there has not yet appeared any reliable authority.

OUT-OF-TOWN SENTIMENT.

Boston asserted itself yesterday as a large buyer of the market. Wall Street houses with Boston wires were purchasers of Burlington and many other active stocks for the account of that city. They reported that a decidedly bullish sentiment prevailed in Boston speculative circles. Much of the Burlington sold by Boston on Wednesday was taken back yesterday morning. Philadelphia was also a buyer.

Chicago, on the contrary, again sold stocks on a large scale. Most of the selling was apparently for the short account. Chicago sold the Grangers and the Northwestern stocks.

OREGON SHORT LINE.

Oregon Short Line continued buoyant in the early trading yesterday, selling up to 38⅝. Later, however, it broke sharply to 30, and closed near that figure. The early buying was done chiefly by the same brokers who were active in the stock on Wednesday, but later they stood aside and gave no support when the stock broke. There was repeated talk regarding Union Pacific interests buying the stock for control.

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 1897.

The publishers of The Commercial and Financial Chronicle have just issued their annual publication, The Financial Review. It gives a comprehensive review of the business of 1897, with comparative statistics for a series of years of the money market, foreign exchange, weekly bank statements, gold and silver production, quotations for silver, cereals, iron, and coal production, yearly imports and exports, security market quotations, railroad dividends, and yearly railroad construction. With its conveniently arranged statistical tables, it makes up a very useful volume.

WALL STREET TALK.

The following topics of interest were discussed in Wall Street yesterday:

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Meeting to-day of Rock Island Directors for the purpose of ordering the calling of $40,000,000 extension and collateral 5 per cent. bonds, to be replaced by the new issue.

No change in Bank of England rate of discount.

Statement by President Fish of the Illinois Central that his company is not seeking to purchase other lines at present prices.

Meeting in Boston on Thursday next of Union Pacific, Lincoln and Colorado bondholders to act on proposition of Union Pacific Railroad to give in exchange for each bond four shares of Union Pacific new preferred and six shares of common.

Increase of $98,733 in Pan Handle's surplus earnings for January, as compared with corresponding period last year.

Renewed demand for American shares in the London market, and general advance in prices.

Union Pacific purchase money certificates stricken from Stock Exchange lists, having been exchanged into new securities.

Filing with the Secretary of State of Illinois the resolutions adopted by the Rock Island stockholders authorizing the issue of $100,000,000 gold bonds for refunding purposes.

Annual meeting of the National Lead Company. Old Board of Directors re-elected, and regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent. declared on preferred stock.

Election of Messrs. Frederick C. Perry and Thomas B. Ray to membership in the Stock Exchange.

RAILWAY STATEMENTS.

The following railways reporting yesterday gross earnings for the second week in February showed increases:

Ann Arbor	$10,442
Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg	7,547
Canadian Pacific	31,618
Chicago and Eastern Illinois	3,100
Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling	7,096
Denver and Rio Grande	28,400
Minneapolis and St. Louis	369
Ohio River	2,672
Pittsburg and Western	2,488
Rio Grande Western	13,900
Texas Pacific	31,618

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The only decrease was $297, shown by International and Great Northern.

OUTSIDE SECURITIES.

In the outside security market yesterday the industrial group absorbed the principal interest. Practically no business was done in tractions, ferries, or natural gas. Some slight declines were brought about in the out-of-town illuminating stocks, while the local securities were in a much better condition at the close of the day's trading.

Common and preferred showed considerable strength in the feverishness which governed the general market, practically no change being made in the price and many sales taking place. Malt common had supporting orders at 27, at which figure it remained steadily throughout the day. The preferred was in excellent demand at 77.

Standard Oil experienced a sensational decline from the price previously recorded, after which it rallied to 420, and again fell at the close to 418 bid, 419½ asked. Anderson Tobacco was at the lowest figure yet quoted for it, being offered down to 19.

Traction Quotations.

	Bid.	Asked.
Broadway & Seventh Avenue, ex div.	206	212
Broadway & Seventh Avenue 1st	106	110
Broadway & Seventh Avenue 2d	111	112
Broadway Surface 1st 5s	117	118
Broadway Surface 2d	106	107
Brooklyn City Railroad	209	211
Brooklyn, Bath & W. E. 5s	85	89
Brook. Elev. tr. rcts, 1st asst. pd.	8½	9¼
Brook., Queens Co. & Suburban 5s	107	110
Buffalo Crosstown 5s	107	109
Buffalo Street Railway stock	80½	81¾
Buffalo Street Railway cons.	109	111
Central Park, N. & E. River	173	177
Central Park, N. & E. River 7s	113	115
Columbus (Ohio) stock	43	45
Columbus (Ohio) cons. 5s	94	95
Eighth Avenue Railroad	325	340
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av.	67	71
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av. 1st	116	117
42d St., Man. & St. Nicholas Av. 2d	90	91½
Kings County Elevated	2¾	3½
Kings County Traction	48	50
Nassau 1st 5s, (Brooklyn Trolley)	102	104
New Orleans Traction common	2¾	3½
New Orleans Traction pf	12	20
Ninth Avenue Railroad	192	194
Steinway R. R. Co. 6 p. c. 1st	115	117
Second Avenue Railroad 1st 5s	108½	110
Sixth Avenue Railroad stock	195	210
Third Avenue Railroad, ex div.	191¼	192¾
Union Railway 1st 5s, (Huckleberry)	115	117
Union Railway stock	175	200
Worcester (Mass.) Traction	16¼	17½
Worcester (Mass.) Trac. pf., ex div. 93		95

Ferry Securities.

Hoboken Ferry stock	96	96½
Hoboken Ferry 5s	108½	110
Metropolitan Ferry 5s	108	110
N. Y. & E. R. Ferry 5s	95	97
N. Y. & E. R. Ferry stock	75	76
Union Ferry	65½	66½
Union Ferry bonds	105½	107

Natural Gas.

Fort Wayne Gas stock	82	84
Fort Wayne 1st 6s	87	89
Indianapolis Gas stock	115	125
Indianapolis Gas bonds	106	107
Lafayette Gas Company 1st 6s	89	90
Lafayette Gas Company stock	84	86
Logansport & Wab. Val. Gas stock	57	60
Logansport & Wab. Val. 6s	74	75
Ohio & Indiana stock	58	60
Ohio & Indiana bonds, ex int.	69	70

Illuminating Gas.

Buffalo (N. Y.) stock	30	32
Buffalo (N. Y.) 1st, with interest	96	96½
Central Union 5s, guaranteed	104¼	104⅝
Columbus Gas	87	90
Consolidated Gas bonds of N. J.	77	80
Consolidated Gas of N. J.	19½	22
Consumers' Gas (Jersey City) stock	75	80
Consumers' Gas (Jersey City) bonds	102½	104
Grand Rapids Gas stock, ex div.	76	79
Mutual Gas Company of New York	325	350
Madison (Wisconsin) stock	60	65
N. Y. & E. R. Gas Co. 1st	112	113
N. Y. & E. R. Gas Co. con	107	108½
Norfolk (Va.) Gas stock	36	38
Norfolk (Va.) Gas 6s	100	102
People's Gas Co. (Chicago) 5s	104¼	...
St. Joseph (Mo)	40	42
St. Joseph (Mo.) 5s	89	91
St. Paul Gas stock	38	41
St. Paul Gas bonds	75	80
Standard Gas, New York	144	146
Standard Gas, New York, pf.	160	167
Standard Gas, New York, 1st	115	117
Syracuse Gas stock	20	22
Syracuse Gas 1st 5 p. c. bonds	89	91
Western Gas Company	83⅝	84
Western Gas Company bonds	103¼	104½

Industrials.

American Bank Note	41	43
American Typefounders	41	44
Barney & Smith common	16	18
Cramps' Shipyard stock	57	62
Glucose common	40½	40⅞
Glucose preferred, ex dividend	94	95
Herring-Hall-Marvin	¼	1½
Herring-Hall-Marvin preferred	6	9
Hecker-Jones-Jewell Milling pf.	45	51
Hecker-Jones-Jewell Milling bonds	89	91½
Lorillard Company pf.	115	116½
Malt common	27⅛	27⅝
Malt preferred	77	77⅝
Michigan-Peninsular Car	9	12
Michigan-Peninsular 5 p. c. bonds	90	91
New York Biscuit Company	107	110
Nicaragua Canal Con., new	8¾	10
Pennsylvania Coal	356	360
Pratt & Whitney	10	14
Pratt & Whitney pf.	55	59
Standard Oil Trust, ex div.	418	419½
Trenton Potteries	9	11
Trenton Potteries pf.	48	51
Union Typewriter	6½	8
Union Typewriter 1st	90	95
Union Typewriter 2d pf.	80	84
Wagner Car Company	168	171
Worthington Pump pf.	87	90

The Miscellaneous List.

Acker, Merrall & Condit bonds	99	102
Anderson Tobacco Company	15	19
Central & South American Tel.	105	108
Commercial Cable stock	185	189
Hudson River Telephone stock	72	75
Iron Steamboat	2½	4¾
Iron Steamboat 6s	55	60
Electro-Pneumatic, ass't pd.	1⅝	1⅝
Madison Square Garden 2d	30	40
Metropolitan El., Chicago, 1st 5s	53	54
N. Y. & N. J. Telephone, ex div.	150	151
Northwestern Telegraph Company	112	117
Trow Directory pf.	38	42
Wool Exchange	110	120

BULLION AND MINING.

Silver bullion certificates were quoted on the Stock Exchange at 55⅝@56½. No sales.

Bar silver on London, 25 13-16d per ounce.

Commercial price of bar silver, 56c per ounce. Mexican silver dollars quoted at 45¼c.

The Mercantile Safe Deposit Company holds 353,054.29 ounces of silver bullion.

On the Consolidated Exchange, 1,000 shares of Albany sold at .02, 2,000 Comstock bonds at .04, 150 Consolidated California and Virginia at 1.15, 100 Consolidated Imperial at .01, 1,000 Creede and Cripple Creek at .04, 200 Iron Silver at .46, 500 Ophir at .56, 1,000 Pharmacist at .07, 500 Portland at .73, 200 Sierra Nevada at .75, and 200 Union Consolidated at .40. On the Mining Exchange, 600 shares of American Flag sold at .21@.21½, 1,000 Rocky Mountain at .14 cash, 500 Yukon at .10¼, buyer 30; 13,000 Alamo at .02⅝@.02¾, 500 Anaconda at .40@ .40½, 17,200 Cripple Creek Consolidated at .10⅞@.11@.10½, 700 Elkton at .78⅝@.78¾, 12,000 Garfield Gr. at .06¾@.06¾, 5,700 Golden Fleece at .45⅜@.47½, 800 Isabella at .27½@.27⅝@.27¼, 21,000 Jefferson at .04, 55,000 Justine at .01⅜@.01⅝, cash, @02½, buyer 30; 300 Lillie at .70½@.70⅝, 1,500 Mollie Gibson at .19¾@.19½, 1,000 Mount Rosa at .14, 700 Portland at .78⅝@.78½, 244,000 Sentinel at .00314@.00314, cash; 23,000 Tamarack at .005, 6,000 Union at .13¼@.13⅝, and 8,000 Work at .03½.

BIDS FOR BANK STOCKS.

America	350	Hudson River	155
American Exch'ge	170	Importers & Trad'rs'	510
Chase National	400	Irving	147
Chatham	200	Lincoln National	750
City	800	Mechanics & Tr'd'rs'	110
Columbia	150	National Union	230
Commerce	205	New Amsterdam	245
Continental	127	New York County	800
Garfield National	750	Seaboard National	174
German-American	112½	Seventh National	105
Hanover	300	Tradesmen's	110

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

	1898.	1897.	1896.
ANN ARBOR—			
Mileage	292	292	307
2d week Feb.	$32,073	$21,631	$22,029
From Jan. 1	194,275	138,032	128,207
BUFFALO, ROCHESTER & PITTSBURG—			
Mileage	339	340	340
2d week Feb.	$66,479	$58,932	$54,565
From July 1	2,304,879	2,168,334	865,045
CANADIAN PACIFIC—			
Mileage	6,547	6,444	6,391
2d week Feb.	$354,824	$323,206	$307,000
From Jan. 1	2,412,824	1,968,130	2,134,000
CHICAGO & EASTERN ILLINOIS—			
Mileage	648	648	521
2d week Feb.	$85,600	$82,500	$70,100
From July 1	2,183,336	1,868,843	2,630,658
CLEVELAND, LORAIN & WHEELING—			
Mileage	192	192	192
2d week Feb.	$28,696	$21,600	$19,715
From July 1	960,242	726,743	.....
DENVER & RIO GRANDE—			
Mileage	1,666	1,666	1,657
2d week Feb.	$137,100	$108,700	$126,100
From July 1	5,382,748	4,467,159	4,252,466
INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN—			
Mileage	775	775	775
2d week Feb.	$72,956	$73,253	$63,023
From July 1	2,774,954	2,697,581	2,161,058
MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS—			
Mileage	370	370	370
2d week Feb.	$34,518	$34,149	$35,588
From July 1	1,450,014	1,293,569	1,347,071
OHIO RIVER—			
Mileage	224	224	215
2d week Feb.	$16,793	$14,121	$16,817
From Jan. 1	102,132	96,318	109,388
PITTSBURG & WESTERN—			
Mileage	365	365	365
2d week Feb.	$45,040	$42,552	$39,917
From July 1	1,802,737	1,577,210	1,896,539
RIO GRANDE WESTERN—			
Mileage	550	550	520
2d week Feb.	$49,700	$35,900	$35,200
From July 1	2,125,627	1,534,158	1,571,821
TEXAS & PACIFIC—			
Mileage	1,499	1,499	1,499
2d week Feb.	$154,824	$123,206	$118,711
From Jan. 1	986,781	858,324	842,312

NORTHERN CENTRAL for the year ended Dec. 31—

	1897.	1896.	1895.
Gross earnings	$6,732,703	$6,236,602	$6,504,027
Op. expenses	4,798,367	4,643,105	4,596,520
Net earnings	1,934,336	1,643,497	1,907,507
Other income	366,788	400,075	457,391
Total income	2,301,124	2,043,572	2,364,898
Fixed charges	1,904,520	1,965,981	2,213,042
Surplus	396,604	77,591	151,858

OHIO RIVER for December—

Gross earnings	79,532	76,073	80,703
Op. expenses	57,265	51,317	48,222
Net earnings	22,267	24,756	32,481
For twelve months from Jan. 1—			
Gross earnings	965,196	968,670	887,240
Op. expenses	623,297	641,925	667,727
Net earnings	341,899	326,745	319,513

PITTS., CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS

For January—	1898.	1897.	1896.
Gross earnings	1,314,595	1,084,420	1,226,770
Op. expenses	936,202	754,242	935,205
Net earnings	378,393	330,178

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE

Northern Pacific Railway Company.

Mills Building.

New York, February 1st, 1898.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day there was declared from the net earnings a dividend of 1 per cent. on the Preferred Stock of this Company for the quarter ending March 1st, 1898, same to be paid March 3rd, 1898, to the holders of record of the Preferred Stock at the closing of the transfer books on February 10th, 1898.

For the purpose of such dividend the transfer books of this Company will be closed at 3 P. M. on February 10th, 1898, and will be reopened at 10 A. M. on February 21st, 1898.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,
By GEORGE H. EARL, Secretary.

23 Wall Street,
New York, February 1, 1898.

The above dividend of 1 per cent. will be payable on March 3rd, 1898, to holders of record at the close of business on February 10th, 1898, on the books of the Voting Trustees for certificates of Preferred Stock of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. The transfer books of the Voting Trustees for certificates for Preferred Stock will close in New York and Berlin at 3 P. M. on February 10th, 1898, and will be reopened at 10 A. M. on February 21st, 1898.

J. P. MORGAN & CO., New York.
DEUTSCHE BANK, Berlin.
Agents for Voting Trustees.

Chicago and Alton Railroad Company.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2, 1898.

NOTICE.—A quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share has this day been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock of this Company, payable on the first day of March next to the stockholders of record at the close of business hours on the 10th instant.

The dividend on shares registered in New York will be paid at the office of the Company's Agents, Messrs. Cuyler, Morgan & Company, 44 Pine Street, New York, and the dividend on shares registered in Chicago will be paid at the office of the Treasurer of the Company.

C. H. FOSTER, Treasurer.

Office of Welsbach Commercial Company.

40 Wall St., New York, February 10, 1898.

The Directors have this declared a quarterly dividend of TWO PER CENT. on the preferred stock, payable March 10, 1898, to stockholders of record at the close of business February 28th. Transfer books of the preferred stock will be closed from March 1st to March 10th, both inclusive. Checks will be mailed.

EDWARD C. LEE, Treasurer.

THE EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
53, 55, 57 Duane Street.
New York, February 16, 1898.

The coupons of the FIRST MORTGAGE CONVERTIBLE GOLD BONDS of this company, due March 1, 1898, will be paid by THE GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK on and after that date.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS,
Treasurer.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE GENERAL Mtge. 4½ Per Cent. Registered Bonds of the Cheasapeake and Ohio R'y Co. will close at the office of the Central Trust Co. of N. Y. Monday, Feb. 21, 1898, at 12 M., preparatory to the payment of the semi-annual interest thereon due March 1, 1898, and will open March 2, 1898, at 10 A. M.

C. E. WELLFORD, Sec'y.
Richmond, Va., Feb'y 16, 1898.

The Mexican Northern Railway Company,

New York Office, 42 Pine St., Feb. 14th, 1898.

The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend (No. 25) of One Per Cent., payable March 2d to stockholders of record at the closing of the books. The transfer books will be closed on February 19th at noon and reopened March 3d.

C. J. NOURSE, Jr., Secretary.

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENeral meeting of the stockholders of THE PENNSYLVANIA KNITTING MILLS OF READING, to elect a Board of Directors, make by-laws, and transact any other business which may lawfully be done by the said stockholders in general meeting will be held on the second day of March, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon, at 81-83 Franklin Street, New York City.

Dated, Feb. 10, 1898.

MAX H. ARNING,
BERNHARD RETTBERG,
L. F. UNKART,
HENRY STERGER,
CARL GIER,
Corporators.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENeral meeting of the stockholders of THE GREATER NEW YORK HOSIERY COMPANY to elect a Board of Directors, make by-laws, and transact any other business which may lawfully be done by the said stockholders in general meeting will be held on the second day of March, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon, at 81-83 Franklin Street, New York City.

Dated, Feb. 10, 1898.

MAX H. ARNING,
BERNHARD RETTBERG,
L. F. UNKART,
HENRY STERGER,
CARL GIER,
Corporators.

Southern Railway Company,

Richmond, Virginia, January 11, 1898.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a general meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Railway Company has been called by the Board of Directors and will be held at the principal office of the Company in the City of Richmond, Virginia, on Friday, the 18th of February, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of approving the action heretofore taken, and of fully authorizing such further action as hereafter may be taken, by the Board of Directors of the Southern Railway Company for the acquisition of the whole or any part of the Railroad of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company, and also for the purpose of approving the proposed issue and sale of the bonds and capital stock of the Southern Railway Company upon the terms authorized by the said Directors, in payment for properties, securities, or shares of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company, or of any successor corporation owning or controlling its property, and for authorizing one or more mortgages or pledges to secure such bonds.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JOSIAH F. HILL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF

Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Co.,

NO. 658 BROADWAY,

New York City, Feb. 3, 1898.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company for the election of Trustees for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1898, at 11 A. M.

Stock transfer books will be closed Feb. 17 to 23, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

J. PARMLY, Secretary.

PROPOSALS.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

BUREAU OF CANAL AFFAIRS,

Albany, January 22, 1898.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 70 of Laws of 1895, proposals will be received at this office until Friday, the 18th day of February, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon of that day for a loan of

Three million two hundred and thirty thousand dollars

for which transferable certificates of stock, registered,

Principal and Interest Payable in Gold,

will be issued in the name of the People of the State of New York, on the credit of the Sinking Fund established by said act, bearing interest at the rate of three per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July, and the principal reimbursable on the first day of January, 1913.

These bonds are exempt from taxation pursuant to Chapter 80, Laws of 1897.

Proposals may be for the whole or any part of the loan not less than $1,000, and such proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for one per cent. of the amount of the bonds bid for.

Payments for the loan will be required to be made on the acceptance of the proposal by deposit in the Bank of the Manhattan Co. in the City of New York, to the credit of "Treasurer of the State of New York, on account of Canal Fund," of the amount of the award, together with premium and accrued interest from January 1, 1898.

The Comptroller reserves the right to reject all bids which are not in his opinion advantageous to the interests of the State.

Interest on the loan from the first day of January, 1898, will be payable at the Bank of the Manhattan Co., in the City of New York.

All proposals must be sealed and endorsed "Loan for Canal Improvements," and directed to the Comptroller of the State of New York, Albany, N. Y.

JAMES A. ROBERTS, Comptroller.

TO IMPROVE RIKER'S ISLAND.

A Plan to Employ Convicts and Workhouse Inmates There.

Commissioner Lantry of the Department of Correction, with Commissioner McCartney of the Department of Street Cleaning, called upon Mayor Van Wyck yesterday with a plan for the improvement of Riker's Island. The Mayor was pleased with the scheme, and said he would recommend it to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation.

The scheme is to erect quarters on the island for fifty or more penitentiary convicts and workhouse inmates who are now idle on Blackwell's Island, and to set them to work filling in and grading Riker's Island. Commissioner McCartney will furnish the ashes collected by his department, and thus save the expense of the scows towing the ashes out to sea. Mr. Lantry says the island, which cost the city $180,000, is now worth $800,000, and that when it is improved it will be worth $1,000,000.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Complete Transactions in Stocks —Thursday, Feb. 17, 1898.

Bid.	Asked.	Sales.		First.	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Change.
112	116	455	Adams Express	110	115	110	115	.....
75	76	10	American Cotton Oil pf	75¼	75¼	75¼	75¼	.....
128	129	45	American Express	128	128	126	126	-1
8	8⅝	760	American Spirits Mfg.	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	+⅛
20½	22	100	Am. Spirits Mfg. pf.	21	21	21	21	-2
136¾	136⅞	32,873	Am. Sugar Ref. Co.	138	138	135⅞	136⅜	-⅜
111⅝	112⅛	283	Am. Sugar Ref. Co. pf.	112¼	112¼	112	112	-⅛
91	93	25	Am. Tel. & Cable Co.	91	92	91	91⅜	.....
92	92¼	16,773	American Tobacco	92	92⅝	91	92⅛	+⅝
117	118	23	American Tobacco pf.	118	118	118	118	.....
38	39	150	Ann Arbor pf.	38	38	38	38	-1
12⅝	13	1,350	At., T. & S. F.	12⅞	12⅞	12⅝	12⅝	+⅛
30⅛	30⅜	4,980	At., T. & S. F. pf.	31	31	30⅜	30⅜	+⅛
116⅝	117	1,225	Baltimore & Ohio	116¼	116¼	116	116	.....
3½	3⅝	1,500	Bay State Gas	3½	3⅝	3⅜	3½	.....
41⅝	41⅞	23,872	Brooklyn Rapid Tran.	41⅞	42	40⅝	41⅝	+⅛
120½	121½	100	Brooklyn Union Gas	120½	120½	120½	120½	-1⅛
3⅞	4½	100	Bruns. Co., 2d in. pd.	4	4	4	4	.....
54⅝	55	250	Canada Southern	54	54⅝	54	54⅝	+⅛
87	87½	500	Canadian Pacific	87½	87⅝	87	87	.....
22⅜	22⅝	4,000	Chesapeake & Ohio	22¾	23	22½	22⅝	+⅛
101½	101⅝	20,600	Chi., Bur. & Quincy	102	102	100⅝	101⅝	+⅛
109½	111½	100	Chi. & Eastern Ill. pf.	110	110	110	110	-1
12⅞	13	2,095	Chicago Great Western	13	13¼	12⅞	13	.....
8⅝	9	100	Chi., Ind. & Louis.	9	9	9	9	-⅛
30	30⅛	100	Chi., Ind. & Louis. pf.	31	31	31	31	+⅛
94½	95	38,345	Chi., Mil. & St. Paul.	94⅝	95⅜	94⅛	94⅞	+⅛
148½	150	92	Chi., Mil. & St. P. pf.	149¾	149¾	149	149	-¼
126¾	127	4,550	Chicago & Northw.	127⅞	128	126¼	126⅞	+⅛
91	91¼	12,165	Chi., Rock Isl. & Pac.	91¼	91¼	90⅞	91	+⅛
...	8½	15	Chi. Term. Trans.	8½	8½	8½	8½	.....
29½	30	120	Chi. Term. Trans. pf.	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	+⅛
35	35⅜	1,125	C., C., C. & St. L.	35	35⅝	35	35⅜	+⅛
15¼	15⅝	1,310	Cleve., Lor. & W.	15⅝	15⅝	15¼	15⅝	+⅛
6¾	7½	100	C. & H. C., all in. pd.	7	7	7	7	-⅛
7	7½	400	Col., Hock. Val. & Tol.	7¼	7½	7⅛	7⅛	+⅛
192⅜	192⅞	3,140	Consolidated Gas	193	193	190½	192⅛	+1¼
110⅝	112	413	Delaware & Hudson	110⅝	111	110⅝	111	.....
155	157	150	Del., Lack. & West.	156½	156¼	156¼	156¼	-⅜
51	51¼	536	Denver & R. G. pf.	50⅝	51	50½	51	+⅛
14½	14⅝	200	D. M. & Ft. Dodge.	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	+⅛
132	135	100	Ed. Elec. Ill. of N. Y.	133	133	133	133	-1⅜
103½	104	100	Ed. Elec. Ill. of Brook.	100¼	109¼	100¼	100¼	.....
14⅞	15	560	Erie	14⅞	15¼	14⅝	15¼	+⅛
41⅞	.42	3,060	Erie 1st pf.	41⅝	41⅞	40⅞	41⅞	+⅛
19½	20½	100	Erie 2d pf.	19¼	19¼	19¼	19¼	-⅜
20	25	20	Evans & T. H.	20	20	20	20	.....
13⅜	14¼	200	Flint & P. M.	14	14	14	14	.....
...	...	100	Ft. W. & D. C. pf.	24	24	24	24	+⅛
36⅝	36⅞	2,420	General Electric	37⅛	37¼	36½	36⅜	+⅛
156	158	400	Great Northern pf.	157½	158	156⅝	157	.....
33⅜	34	720	Hawaiian Sugar	34⅜	34⅝	33½	33½	-⅛
44	...	200	Homestake	45	45	45	45	.....
104¼	104⅜	1,097	Illinois Central	105	105	104	104¼	+⅛
51½	54	250	Illinois Steel Co.	49⅝	50	49⅝	50	-2
8½	9	230	Iowa Central	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	-⅛
21½	23	700	K. C., Pitts. & Gulf.	23	23⅝	23	23¼	+⅛
4	5	400	Keokuk & D. M.	...	4½	4½	4½	.....
42⅜	43⅝	305	Laclede Gas	...	42½	42½	42½	+⅛
16½	16⅝	150	Lake Erie & West.	16¼	16¼	16¼	16¼	-⅛
72½	73½	850	Lake Erie & West. pf.	74	74	73	73	.....
192	193	2,403	Lake Shore	192	192½	191¾	192¼	+⅛
58⅜	58⅞	10,800	Louisville & Nashville.	59	59	58⅞	58⅞	+⅛
115⅜	115½	9,145	Manhattan Con	116¼	116¼	114⅞	115⅜	+⅛
145	...	300	Mergenthaler Linotype	145½	145½	145½	145½	.....
155¼	155½	10,334	Metropolitan St. Ry.	158½	158½	154⅝	155⅜	-⅛
110¾	111	1,850	Michigan Central	111½	111½	110¾	111	.....
29½	30	1,950	Minn. & St. Louis	30	30	29	30	+⅛
58	59	700	Minn., St. P. & S. M.	59	59¼	58	58	+⅛
61	61½	470	Minnesota Iron	60¼	61	60¼	60⅞	+⅛
12⅛	12⅜	1,100	Mo., Kan. & Texas.	13¼	13¼	12⅞	12⅜	-⅛
38⅜	38⅝	4,240	Mo., Kan. & Tex. pf.	39¼	39¼	37⅞	38¼	+⅛
32½	32⅝	3,655	Missouri Pacific	33½	33½	31⅝	32⅜	+⅛
31	32	600	Mobile & Ohio	31½	31½	31	31	-⅛
33	33¼	557	National Lead Co.	34½	35¼	34½	34⅝	+⅛
100	109½	197	National Lead Co. pf.	109½	109½	108⅝	108⅝	-⅛
17	19	200	National Linseed Oil.	17½	17½	17½	17½	.....
7½	8½	100	New Central Coal	8	8	8	8	.....
95½	96	1,210	New Jersey Central	95⅞	95⅞	94⅝	95¼	+⅛
116¾	117	16,230	New York Central	117¼	117⅝	116¼	116⅞	+⅛
14¼	14⅜	10	N. Y., Sus. & West.	14	14	14	14	.....
36	36½	400	N. Y., Sus. & West. pf.	36	36	36	36	-⅛
15⅛	15⅝	28	Norfolk & Western	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	.....
52	52⅜	5,204	Norfolk & West. pf.	53	53	52	52⅜	+⅛
6¼	6⅝	13,613	North American	6	6⅜	6	6⅜	+⅛
25⅞	25⅝	9,300	Northern Pacific	26	26	25½	25⅝	+⅛
65¼	65⅝	19,193	Northern Pacific pf.	65½	65⅝	64⅞	65⅛	+⅛
17	17⅛	2,355	Ontario & Western	17⅜	17⅜	16⅞	16⅞	.....
29	30	410	Ore. Imp., 5th in. pd.	28½	29	28½	29	+⅛
51½	53	825	Oregon R. & Nav.	51	51	52⅜	51	-1⅛
70½	72	472	Oregon R. & Nav. pf.	71½	71	71	71	-1⅛
30½	31¼	5,000	Oregon Short Line	31⅝	33⅜	30	30¼	+⅛
30⅜	31	1,770	Pacific Mail	30⅝	31⅜	30½	31⅜	+⅛
117¼	117⅝	5,262	Pennsylvania R. R.	118	118	117¼	117⅜	+⅛
94½	94⅝	9,830	People's Gas, Chicago	95¼	95¼	93⅞	94⅛	+⅛
43¾	44	940	P. C. C. & St. L.	44¼	45⅜	43⅞	43⅞	-⅛
183¼	184½	678	Pull. Pal. Car Co.	185	185	183¾	183¾	+1
20⅞	21⅛	3,186	Reading	21¼	21¼	20½	20⅞	+⅛
50	50½	2,200	Reading 1st pf.	50½	50½	49⅝	50¼	+⅛
26	26½	800	Reading 2d pf.	26	26⅜	26	26⅜	+⅛
58	60	100	Rio Grande West. pf.	59	59½	59	59½	.....
120½	123	50	Rome, W. & Ogdens.	122	122	122	122	.....
52⅞	53¼	500	St. J. & G. I. 1st pf.	53	53¼	52⅝	52⅝	+⅛
74	90	51	St. L. & San Fran.	74	74	74	74	.....
56¾	57	875	St. L. & S. F. 1st pf.	56⅝	57	56	56⅜	+⅛
26⅝	27	1,450	St. L. & S. F. 2d pf.	26⅞	27	26½	26⅝	+⅛
9½	10½	200	St. L. Southw. pf.	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	.....
76¾	77	2,210	St. Paul & Omaha	77	77	76	77	+1
...	...	160	Southern & At. Tel.	100	100	100	100	.....
19½	20¼	400	Southern Pacific	19¾	19¾	19¼	19¼	+⅛
9¼	9⅝	725	Southern Railway	9¼	9¼	9¼	9¼	.....
31⅝	31⅞	2,515	Southern Railway pf.	31⅝	31⅝	31¼	31⅝	+⅛
4⅝	5	100	Standard R. & T.	5	5	5	5	.....
24½	24⅝	1,970	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	24½	24⅝	23⅝	24¼	+⅛
12⅛	12⅜	1,200	Texas Pacific	12⅛	12⅝	12	12⅛	+⅛
192	193	650	Third Avenue	193	193	190½	191½	+⅛
33⅜	33½	19,213	U. P., all in. pd.	33½	33½	32⅞	33⅜	+⅛
60¾	60⅝	35,159	Union Pacific pf.	60⅝	60⅝	59¼	60⅛	+⅛
9¾	9¾	3,170	U. P., D. & G., t. r.	9	9½	8¾	9½	+⅛
43	45	125	United States Express.	43	43	43	43	+⅛
7	7¼	200	United States Leather.	7	7	7	7	.....
64⅜	65	1,135	U. S. Leather pf.	64½	64⅝	64¼	64⅜	+⅛
19¼	19½	1,136	United States Rubber.	19⅞	19⅞	18⅞	19⅜	+⅛
71	72	1,020	U. S. Rubber pf.	70⅜	72	70⅜	72	+1
18⅝	18½	600	Wabash pf.	18	18⅝	18	18⅝	+⅛
...	...	100	West Chicago Street.	99⅜	99⅜	99⅜	99⅜	+⅝
91¾	92	4,011	Western Union Tel.	92	92	91⅝	92	+⅛
2⅝	3	110	W. & L. E., $1 as. pd.	2½	2⅞	2⅜	2⅝	+⅛
12⅝	13½	110	W. & L.E. pf.,$1 as. pd.	13½	13½	13⅛	13⅛	+⅛
Sales.....		424,088						

Bid and Asked Quotations.

The following were the closing quotations for Government bonds and for stocks in which there were no transactions:

	Bid.	Ask'd.		Bid.	Ask'd.		Bid.	Ask'd.
2s, r., 1891	100	...	Col. F. & I. pf.	70	78	Nat. St. 2d pf.	25	...
4s, r., 1907	112¾	113¼	C., H. V. & T. pf.	23	28	N. Y. & N. H.	194	196
4s, c., 1907	114	115	Com. Cable	185	...	N. Y., C. & St. L.	14	15
4s, r., 1925	127⅜	128¼	Consol. Coal	40	...	N. Y., C. & St. L. 1st pf.	73	76
4s, c., 1925	127⅜	128¼	Consol. Ice	33⅜	34½	N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pf.	35	39
5s, r., 1904	113½	114	Consol. Ice pf.	90	91½	Norfolk So.	63½	66
5s, c., 1904	113½	113⅝	Den. & Rio G.	12⅜	13⅜	Ohio Southern	3	5
Currency 6s, 1899.	104	...	D. M. & Ft. D. pf.	80	100	Ont. Mining	3½	6
Cherokee 4s, 1898.	103⅜	...	Detroit Gas	59	62	Penn. Coal	340	...
Cherokee 4s, 1899.	103⅜	...	Dul., S. S. & A.	3	4½	Peo., Dec. & Ev.	1	1½
Dist. Col. 3-65s	118½	...	D., S. S. & A. pf.	6	7	Peo. & Eastern	4	7
Albany & Sus.	182	...	Eighth Avenue	325	...	P., C., C. & St. L.	67	70
Am. Coal	120	140	Flint & P. M. pf.	39	41	Pt. Huron Div.	92	95
Am. Cotton Oil.	20	21	Ft. W. & R. G.	14	16	Pitts. & West. pf.	6	8
Am. Dist. Tel.	...	25	Green Bay & W.	30	40	Quicksilver	2	7
Ann Arbor	14	14½	H. B. Claflin	92	97	Quicksilver pf.	8	7
B. & O. S. W. pf., new	6½	7	Ill. Cent. l. l.	93	98	Rens. & Saratoga	183½	...
Boston & L. pf.	106	108	Ind., Ill. & Iowa.	7	25	Rio Grande W.	23	25
Buff., R. & P.	29	30½	Iowa Cent. pf.	32½	33	Rio G. W. pf.	7⅝	8
Buff., R. & P. pf.	92	66½	Joliet & Chicago	100	...	St. J. & G. I. 1st pf.	15	20
Capital Traction	75	...	Kanawha & Mich.	6	7½	St. L. S. W.	4	4½
Central Pacific	13½	14¾	K. & D. M. pf.	16	18	St. L. S. W. pf.	10	25
Chi. & Alton	165	...	Keokuk & West.	32	34	St. P. & Duluth.	20	25
Chi. & Alton pf.	170	...	Kingston & Pem.	1	10	St. P. & Duluth pf.	83	85½
Chi. & E. Ill.	55	58	Laclede Gas pf.	90	92	St. P., M. & M.	133	138
Chic. Gt. W. pf., A.	30	33	Long Island	45	50	St. P. & O. pf.	150	155
Chic. Gt. W. pf., B.	20	24½	Manhattan Beach.	4	8	St. Paul. certfs.	55¾	56½
Chi. & N. W. pf.	174	...	Md. Coal pf.	45	55	Mexican Central.	6	6⅝
C., C., C. & St. L. pf.	80½	82	Mex. Nat. certfs.	1	1½	Sixth Avenue	195	210
Clev., L. & W. pf.	48½	50	M. & St. L. 1st pf.	87	89	Tol. & O. C.	25	...
Cleve. & Pitts.	169	...	Minn., St. P. & S. M.	7	...	Tol. & O. C. pf.	43	49
Col. C. & I. Dev.	¼	1	Minn., St. P. & S. M. pf.	17	...	Twin City R. T.	7	24
C. C. & I. Dev. pf.	2	3	Morris & Essex	172	175	Wabash	7	7½
Col. Fuel & I.	22¾	23	National Starch	5¾	7½	Wells-F. Express	115	120
70,820			Nat. St. 1st pf.	75	80	Wis. Central	2	3½
						Wis. Central pf.	4½	6

BONDS.

Sales.		First.	High.	Low.	Last.
$2,000	C. & Ohio 5s	116¼	116¼	116½	116½
12,000	M., K. & T. 2d.	64¼	64¼	64	64
10,000	South. Ry. 5s	94	94	94	94
10,000	Texas Pac. 2d	63	63	62¾	62¾
20,000	U.P., D. & G.1st	57	57	56½	56½
5,000	Wabash 2d	82	82	82	82
$59,000					

BOSTON STOCK QUOTATIONS.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The market to-day had an early burst of strength, in which the Oregon Short Line was a noticeable leader. Then came reaction and general dullness. Dominion Coal fell 2½, to 19½, on the pipeline decision adverse to the company, rallying to 20½. Atlantic Mining was off 1⅜, at 30½. Montana lost 2, to 178; Bell Telephone 2, to 265. Centennial touched 12 and settled to 10½ in the afternoon. Old Dominion touched 28½, thence rising to 29⅜. Wolverine lost 1½, to 29; Stock Yards 1½, to 115½. Atchison adjustments declined ½ more, to 62½. Bond business was light. Call loans 2@3. Time money 2½@4.

Closing bid and asked:

Railroad Companies.

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston & Albany	225	225½
Boston & Lowell	222½	224
Boston & Maine	...	168
Boston & Providence	272	...
Chicago Junction & Stock Yards	115½	116
Fitchburg pf.	90	90½
Old Colony	192	...
Oregon Short Line	30	31
West End	83¾	84

Mining Companies.

Aetna, (quicksilver)	4	...
Alloues	1¼	1½
Arnold	7⅛	7⅝
Atlantic	30¾	31½
Boston & Montana	177½	178½
Butte & Boston	26¼	26½
Calumet & Hecla	530	535
Centennial	10¾	11
Franklin	15	16
Gold Coin Mines	1¼	...
Napa, (quicksilver)	7⅞	...
Osceola	41½	42½
Pioneer, (gold)	5¾	6
Quincy	114	114
Santa Ysabel	7	7½
Tamarack	155	157
Tecumseh	2½	2⅞
Wolverine	20½	...

Miscellaneous.

American Bell Telephone	265	266
Dominion Coal	20¼	22½
Dominion Coal pf.	108	...
Edison Electric Illuminating	165	171
Erie Telephone	70½	71
General Electric	86¾	87
General Electric pf.	95	...
Mexican Telephone	7⅞	...
Philadelphia Company	31	32
Pullman Palace Car	183	184
United States Oil	13¼	13½
Westinghouse Electric	24	25
Westinghouse Electric pf.	54	...

Unlisted Securities.

Merced Gold Mining	5	5¾
Old Dominion Copper Mining	28¾	29

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

STOCKS.

Sales.		First.	High.	Low.	Last.
22,060	Am. Sug. Ref.	137⅝	137⅝	135¼	136⅛
760	Am. Tobacco	91⅝	92¼	91⅝	92
120	A., T. & S. F. pf.	30¾	30¾	30¼	30¾
20	Balt. & Ohio	16½	16½	16¼	16¼
1,870	Brook. R. T.	41½	42¼	40¾	40¾
12,060	C., B. & Q.	101⅝	101⅞	101	101½
18,460	C., M. & St. P.	94⅛	95¼	94⅛	94⅝
30	C., St.P., M. & O.	77	77	77	77
2,160	Chi., R. I. & P.	91⅛	91⅝	90⅝	91¼
350	Cent. of N. J.	95¼	95¼	94⅝	94⅞
30	Ches. & Ohio	22⅜	22⅝	22⅜	22⅝
790	Gen. Electric	37	37⅞	36½	36⅝
1,050	Louis. & Nash.	58⅜	59⅜	58½	58⅝
2,090	Manhattan	116	118⅜	114⅝	115½
1,030	Mo. Pacific	32	33	31⅞	32⅝
30	Mo., K. & T. pf.	38⅜	38⅜	38⅜	38⅜
2,090	N. Y. Central	117¼	117¼	116⅜	116⅞
70	N. Y., O. & W.	17	17	16⅝	16⅝
190	Nor. Pacific	25⅝	25⅝	25	25⅛
1,490	Nor. Pac. pf.	65⅜	65½	64½	65⅜
1,720	Pennsylvania	118	118	117¼	117⅜
4,240	People's Gas	95¼	95¼	93⅞	94⅛
30	Pacific Mail	30½	30½	30½	30⅝
720	Reading	21	21	20¾	20⅞
100	Tenn. C. & I.	24½	24½	23⅞	24
1,170	Union Pacific	32⅞	33½	32⅝	33¼
470	Union Pac. pf.	59⅝	60¼	59½	60⅛
10	Wabash pf.	18	18	18	18
330	West. Union	92¼	92¼	91⅜	92

BONDS.

Sales.		First.	High.	Low.	Last.
$2,000	C. & Ohio 5s	116¼	116½	116½	116½
12,000	M., K. & T. 2d.	64¼	64¼	64	64
10,000	South. Ry. 5s	94	94	94	94
10,000	Texas Pac. 2d	63	63	62¾	62¾
20,000	U.P., D. & G.

JUMP IN CHICAGO WHEAT

Great Excitement Attending an Advance in the Price of May of Three and a Quarter Cents.

SHORTS COVER AT $1.06 1-2

High Prices Cause Realizing, and at the Close of the Day the Gain Over Wednesday Is Less Than a Cent.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—For a few minutes following the opening in wheat to-day the market was in a state of excitement seldom witnessed. May sold up in that time to $1.06½, or 3¼ cents higher than yesterday's close, but it dropped at once, and, though showing extreme nervousness at times, the market closed quiet, with the modest gain of seven-eighths of a cent. War news apparently did not cut much figure. It was a matter of shorts getting out, and longs taking profits.

The excitement in wheat that prevailed in the pit in the last hour of yesterday's session, and was continued on the curb afterward, was renewed to-day before the regular session began. The curb price started 1¼ cents higher, at $1.04½, and within half an hour ran up to $1.07⅛.

The regular opening was as wild as any witnessed in months. A perfect howl went up from the shorts, who, in their eagerness to cover their lines, bid all the way from $1.06 to $1.06 for May. A few seconds after some of the more anxious ones bid $1.06⅛. That proved to be the high point of the day.

Thousands of bushels were dumped on the market by longs, wheat coming from operators who hitherto had chosen to hold on to their lines. More disposition to realize was shown than at any previous time since the recent advance commenced. The consequence was that the price broke with bewildering rapidity, getting down in less than five minutes to $1.08½. Then it rebounded again, but with less force behind it, to $1.04⅞.

The market fluctuated rapidly for a time, but as every rally there was renewed realization and the market gradually became more settled. Though the disquieting news from Havana may have had something to do with the jump it was a minor factor, and was little heard of. Apparently there was a repetition of yesterday's scare among shorts over the Leiter deal, and everybody was on the alert to see what he would do to-day. Leiter's brokers, however, were not much in evidence, and the fact that there was plenty of wheat for sale at around $1.05 served to keep the market within bounds.

About 11 o'clock selling became quite heavy, and the low point, $1.03, was reached. Cudahy and others were credited with realizing on lines, showing heavy profits, and commission houses had heavy selling orders. This decline was followed by a reaction to $1.04¾, the price about noon. For the rest of the session prices rather tended toward a lower level. Foreign market was strong and showed good closing advances. The closing price for May was $1.04¼. There was a heavy business in July, but that option did not show the excitement maintained. July opened ¼@1½c higher, at 90@91¼c, and dropped at once to 89c. That was the range of prices, July closing at 90c bid.

AN IMPORTER'S GRIEVANCE.

A. Klein's Bitter Complaints Before the Reappraisement Board of the General Appraisers.

A. Klein, an importer of glassware in this city, has an application now pending before the United States General Appraisers for the reappraisement of an importation of cut glass boxes, which he alleges were placed at too high a valuation on "fraudulent expert testimony." He declares that goods similar to the articles imported by himself have been brought into this port at valuations of 60 and 80 kreutzers per dozen, while his own goods have been appraised at 90 and 120 kreutzers per dozen. In certain instances, he asserts, a line of glassware imported from Bohemia by him was increased in valuation by the Government appraiser to 200 kreutzers, and subsequently reduced from time to time by the General Appraisers to 175, then to 140, and finally to 123 kreutzers per dozen. Mr. Klein insists that he has been the victim of unjust treatment on the part of some of the customs officials.

"For many years I never received my samples without having the best pieces broken or missing," says Mr. Klein in his letter to the General Appraisers. "My goods and my samples have been delayed. I could not deliver the goods in time, thus losing sales and customers here and connections on the other side, because I could not take the agreed quantities on account of the delay in getting my goods through the Custom House. My money has been tied up in deposits and penalties; heavy expenses for storage for goods refused because of late delivery, and for goods I could not enter; all my secrets given away to my competitors, and also to my customers; my time taken up in Europe to gather evidence for use here to fight the cases, instead of attending to my business; burdening me with troubles and with damage or criminal suits against the experts—this is more than enough to cripple one's business and destroy the labor of a lifetime, and all for no reason. In fact, in 1897 I lost two-thirds of my business and was thrown from 40 into 60 per cent. duty. All of this is the result of your decisions, based upon untrustworthy testimony.

"There is either no market value or no veracity in your experts. Will you permit these experts to continue to act on my reappraisements in a star chamber way? I know that you say you have obtained from the Custom House the original invoices of the goods of these experts. This may seem to you to prove that they testified correctly, but I will tell you that they bring in one figure, no matter how much they pay, to be used against small importers like me, and that the bulk of their goods come in on other invoices at one-half of such prices."

Mr. Klein appeared personally before President Ham and General Appraiser Sharretts last Wednesday afternoon and offered oral testimony in corroboration of the allegations contained in his letter. He has been before the General Appraisers on other occasions, and members of that board say that they have endeavored, in the face of conflicting testimony, to make an appraisal in his case such as would comport with the facts presented. The case of General Appraiser Sharretts says that a careful and impartial investigation will be made.

LEONARD R. WELLES MISSING.

The Brooklyn ex-Commissioner Escapes from a Jersey Sanitarium.

Ex-Police Commissioner Leonard R. Welles of Brooklyn, who was taken to Dr. Cooley's Sanitarium, at Plainfield, N. J., shortly after Jan. 1, for treatment, is missing. Mr. Welles escaped from the institution Wednesday, and although search was at once instituted and the New Jersey and New York police notified, no trace of him has been found.

Mr. Welles's mind, it is said, became affected shortly before or about the time his term of office expired, and it was decided to send him to Plainfield to be treated for nervous prostration. He was considered to be not in a serious condition, and was allowed some liberties, especially as he seemed perfectly willing to remain.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock he was exercising in the grounds. He was accompanied by an attendant. The attendant left Mr. Welles alone for about ten minutes while he went inside the building. When he returned Mr. Welles had disappeared and could not be found. It was expected the patient would go straight to Brooklyn, but he has not been heard of there.

He was clad in a warm, gray suit, but had no overcoat. He had on a cap. Men have been searching for him in all the farmhouses for miles around, and others are watching the ferries.

A Gift of $12,500 for Columbia.

Columbia University has received a gift of $12,500, which is to be used to purchase new books for the library. Five thousand of the amount is given by President Seth Low. The name of the donor of the balance is not known.

TARIFF ASSOCIATION INTACT.

The Insurance Men Create a Joint Committee to Regulate Rates as They See Fit.

The meeting of the Tariff Association of New York (fire underwriters) yesterday was a victory for the element which has been making every effort to prevent the disruption of the association.

A resolution was adopted, which created a joint committee, consisting of the Executive and Rate Committees, with full power to throw off, reduce, or restore either rates or commissions on any or all risks in the metropolitan district.

The risks which are likely to be affected are those considered as subject to the competition of the outside companies. This action gives to a small body of men ability to control in large part the policy of over 90 per cent. of the companies doing business in New York City. In addition to this measure, it was moved to express to the joint committee that it was the desire of the association that some method of limiting the commission paid for non-rated business be found and carried unanimously.

This vote showed a disposition to make impossible much of the corruption which has nearly wrecked the association during the last month. The conditional application of the Eastern, Lincoln, Washington, Northern of New York, Traders' Fire, and Assurance Company of America for admission was referred back to the companies with the suggestion that they would be welcome, if their application should be made unconditionally.

B. G. Ackerman of Ackerman, Deyo & Hilliard brought up the subject of the brokers, and was met by Vice President Washburn of the Home with a statement that the Home would not consent to any recognition of a board of brokers which involved the abolition of rebates or an agreement to deal with licensed brokers exclusively. The prevailing sentiment among the British companies was that any position which the Home might choose to assume toward the brokers would receive their support, because of Mr. Washburn's opposition to the Bondy discriminatory taxation bill at Albany.

The meeting lasted two hours and was unusually well attended.

Francis P. Burke of Burke & Brown, managers of the Eastern and the Northern of New York, said yesterday afternoon that his companies would not make an unconditional application to the association for membership, so long as present abuses remained uncorrected. President F. C. Moore of the Continental said that the independent position of that company was in no wise changed.

NOTES OF INSURANCE INTERESTS

Charles I. Simonson has been appointed Eastern manager of the Insurance Radiator of Kansas City.

The National Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore has appointed Ogden & Katzenmayer metropolitan agents.

The Royal Exchange Assurance Company of London, Blagden & Stillman metropolitan agents, was admitted to membership in the Tariff Association at its meeting yesterday.

Manager W. F. Moore and J. A. Lassoe, Superintendent of Agencies of the United States Casualty Company, have gone South for a general inspection of the company's southern agencies.

The Norwood Insurance Company has partly reinsured the business of the New York and Brooklyn Mutual Insurance Company. Manager Selvage of the latter company said yesterday that the new stock company which is designed to replace the Mutual is meeting with success upward of $125,000 of the stock having been subscribed.

Deputy Examiner Palm of the Nebraska Insurance Department will probably complete to-day his examination of the securities of the Baloise, the Aachen and Munich, the Svea, the Helvetia, and the Netherlands. The examination is being made at the instance of Auditor Cornell of Nebraska, consequent upon the application of these companies for a license to do business in that State. The Alliance of London did not join in the application.

Advices from Topeka state that United States Judge Williams has dismissed the suit of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York against Superintendent McNall upon motion of the company. McNall revoked the license of the company for refusing to pay a claim in litigation. The claim has since been disposed of and the company relicensed. The company has now closed the incident by dropping its suit against the Insurance Superintendent.

INTEREST IN THE CYMRIC.

The Great Freight and Passenger Steamship of the White Star Line Due Here in a Few Days.

Much interest in maritime circles attaches to the White Star Line steamship Cymric, which is due here on Sunday or Monday. The Cymric, which was launched Oct. 12, last year, at the yards of Harland & Wolff, at Belfast, is not only one of four largest vessels afloat, but she is the largest cargo carrier. She also marks a departure in the fleet of her company in the New York service, which has heretofore consisted of two classes of vessels—those exclusively for cargo, as the Georgic, or express steamers in which cargo space is sacrificed to passenger accommodations and the machinery of speed making.

The Cymric, like the Pennsylvania of the Hamburg-American Line, is primarily a cargo carrier, but with passenger accommodations as well. Unlike the Pennsylvania, however, but like the boats of the Atlantic Transport Line and the vessels of the new London service of the Wilson's and Furness-Leyland Lines, her accommodations are for saloon passengers only. The saloon is amidship on the upper deck, and provides for 100 passengers, and immediately above this is the superstructure, and on the promenade deck are the staterooms. The fittings are as handsome and the appointments as complete as in the express steamers, including library, smoking room, &c.

The Cymric measures 12,551 tons gross. She is 600 feet long over all, 64 feet beam, and 42 feet depth. She has twin screws, driven by two independent sets of quadruple expansion engines.

Her large size will obviate the common objections to cattle and freight boats, and she is intended to afford comfortable passage for travelers not anxious for high speed and a too brief transatlantic voyage.

RAILROAD MEN AND MATTERS.

The general traffic offices of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, now at 228 South Third Street, Philadelphia, will after May 1 next be in the Havemeyer Building, in Cortlandt Street, this city.

The lien of the Eugene Kelly estate on the East and West Railroad of Georgia and Alabama, amounting to $625,000, will be paid by the majority bondholders. The road links Georgia with the coast by way of Birmingham.

Bondholders of the Union Pacific, Lincoln and Colorado Railway Company will meet at Boston, Feb. 24, act on the proposition of the Union Pacific Railway Company to exchange for each bond four shares of Union Pacific first preferred stock and six shares of common.

Of the report that the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad is to be extended into New Mexico, George Coppell, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company, said yesterday that while the project is favorably regarded by the Directors, it is not likely that action on it will be taken for some time.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, to take place to-day, the calling of $40,000,000 extension and collateral 5 per cent. bonds will be ordered. They are redeemable at 105, and will be replaced by the new forms recently issued by the Speyer syndicate. This issue was authorized on Tuesday. President R. R. Cable will attend the meeting.

A ruling of the Board of Managers of the Joint Traffic Association, effective at once at milling points and continuing until further notice, is that the time limit for forwarding therefrom the authorized products of wheat milled in transit to the Western termini of the trunk lines and points east thereof, be extended from thirty days to ninety days, subject to the observance in all other respects of the established milling-in-transit rules.

Skating on Van Cortlandt Lake.

The red ball was raised at Van Cortlandt Park at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and the news spread among the lovers of skating so rapidly that two hours later there were at least 200 gliding over the smooth glittering surface of the lake. The ice is by far the best of the season, and is about eight inches thick. In the afternoon the crowd increased, and 3 o'clock brought a big installment of school children. Several members of the National Curling Association practiced several hours.

IN THE REAL ESTATE FIELD

Seventh Avenue Block Front Sold—Other Private Sales—Little of Interest in the Salesroom.

A. L. Mordecai & Son have sold for John R. Todd the seven five-story flats occupying the block front on the west side of Seventh Avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Streets. The two corners are each 33 by 100, the five inside flats each 27 by 100.

Henry Dressler has sold to Adele Kneeland the four-story brownstone front dwelling, 48 West Forty-sixth Street, 20 by 100.5.

George W. Ruddell has sold to William Kropff the three-story dwelling, 134 West One Hundred and Nineteenth Street, one of a row just completed.

Oppenheimer & Metzger have purchased from B. G. Bayne and have resold to Joseph A. Farley the plot, 66 by 100.11, on the south side of One Hundred and Eighth Street, between the Boulevard and Riverside Drive.

Frederick Zittell has sold for Oppenheimer & Hamershlag to Peter Wagner, four lots on the south side of One Hundred and Second Street, 125 feet west of the Boulevard. Five dwellings will be erected thereon.

The Ascension Memorial Church has purchased the edifice occupied by it for nearly three years, 245 to 249 West Forty-third Street, on a plot 75 by 98.9.

The Petty, Soulard & Walker Realty Company has sold to Schmuck & Montag the plot, northeast corner of Third Avenue and Teasdale Place, 100.7 by 84.9 by 100 by 96.6.

Morris Mayer has sold to Charles Zeitner, the four-story brick building, with store, 1,074 Second Avenue, 20.10 by 70.

Pitzsimons & Smith have sold, for the McTiernan estate, to Mr. Boehm, the five-story two-family tenement 430 West Forty-ninth Street, 25 by 75 by 100; also, for Lawrence Curnen, to Conrad Alheidt, the five-story four-family tenement 429 West Thirty-fifth Street, 25 by 85 by 98.9. Mr. Curnen takes in part payment the two lots, 49.11 by 100, on the southwest corner of Eleventh Avenue and One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Street.

The properties, 168 and 170 Eighth Avenue, five-story brick flats, sold in foreclosure yesterday in the salesroom by William M. Ryan, were knocked down to R. H. Maxey and James Crook, respectively, on bids of $52,750 and $41,600. Both bidders left to secure the 10 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid in compliance with the terms of the sale, but did not return. On a resale, ordered by the referee, the plaintiff in the action, the United States Life Insurance Company secured both parcels for $90,000.

D. Phoenix Ingraham & Co. sold in foreclosure for Julius Salomon for $66,500 the six-story brick tenement 23 Market Street, southwest corner of Henry Street, 25 by 113.2.

Thompson & Pryor sold in foreclosure to the plaintiffs, Sarah A. Lawrence and Marie deP. Segraw, for $7,500, the three-story brick dwelling 157 Waverley Place, 20 by 60, together with the three-story brick stable on an interior lot adjoining the southeast corner of the foregoing, 20 by 13.

To-day's Auction Sales.

The following sales at auction are down for to-day at 111 Broadway:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, foreclosure sale, A. H. Vanderpoel, referee, 103 West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Street, north side, 91.8 feet west of Lenox Avenue, 16.8 by 99.11, three-story brick dwelling. Due on judgment, $2,340.

By P. F. Meyer & Co., foreclosure sale, John H. Rogan, referee, 336 East One Hundred and Sixteenth Street, south side, 241.8 feet west of First Avenue, 16.8 by 100.11, three-story stone-front dwelling. Due on judgment, $7,603.

THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

List of Plans Filed for New Structures and Alterations.

Bathgate Avenue, northwest corner of One Hundred and Eighty-first Street, for a three-story frame tenement, 22 by 50; Mary J. O'Brien, owner; J. G. Robertson, architect; cost, $6,000.

Bathgate Avenue, west side, 250 feet north of One Hundred and Eighty-first Street, for a two-and-a-half-story frame dwelling, 20 by 50, and a one-and-a-half-story frame stable, 29 by 25; Henry Weison of 1,800 Anthony Avenue, owner; J. G. Robertson, architect; cost, $6,200.

Bathgate Avenue, west side, 25 feet north of One Hundred and Eighty-first Street, for four two-story frame dwellings, 18.9 by 50; Mary J. O'Brien, owner; J. G. Robertson, architect; cost, $17,600.

Alterations.

Seventy-third Street, southeast corner of Park Avenue, to a four-story brick dwelling, 15 by 74.2; Fernando Baltes of 100 East Seventy-third Street, owner; Paul Kahne, architect; cost, $12,000.

Broadway, northwest corner of Twenty-fifth Street, to a twelve-story brick office building, with stores, 95 by 134.5; Townsend estate of 18 West Twenty-first Street, owner; C. L. N. Eidlitz, architect; cost, $5,000.

Recorded Real Estate Transfers.

Thursday, Feb. 17.

BETHUNE ST, s s, 163 ft e of Washington St, 22x92; John J. Wysong and others, trustees, to Louise M. Pollock 1

BROOME ST, 248 and 250, 37.6x87.6; John Gates and others to David Kidansky and another 1

COLUMBUS AV, n e corner of 97th St, 25.1x100; George C. Engel and wife to Robert H. Martin $1

DECATUR AV, s e s, 132 ft e of Southern Boulevard, 50x120; Sarah Martin to Mary A. Kiely 1

FRANKLIN ST, 57, 25x51; Georgiana G. Torrens to Louis A. Heinsheimer, one-fifth part 10

FRANKLIN ST, 57, 25x51; Malvina Cullingford to Louis A. Heinsheimer, one-fifth part 10

FRANKLIN ST, 57, 25x51; Josephine A. Griggs to Louis A. Heinsheimer, one-fifth part 10

FRANKLIN ST, 57, 25x51; Elisabeth Mulligan to Louis A. Heinsheimer, one-fifth part 10

FRANKLIN ST, 57, 25x51; Rosette Connell to Louis A. Heinsheimer, one-fifth part. 10

FULTON AV, e s, 53 ft n 79 from dividing line between Lot 98 and 99, map of Village of Morrisania, 25x211; George Stolz to Henry Goeltz ..... Exchange.

FULTON AV, e s, 53 ft n of dividing line between Lots 98 and 99, Village of Morrisania, 25x211; Stefan Moser to George Stolz ..... Exch.

GREENWICH ST, s w corner of Albany St, 65x irregular; Alfred Ogden to John Kirby 1

HOME ST, n e corner of Forest Av, 22.10x100x22.11x100; Charles Hohl to Ernst Ahrend 25,800

JEROME AV, e s, 359.9 ft s of High Bridge Road, or Fordham Landing Road, 40.9x100x38x100; Henry Holding to Elizabeth Schweppenhauser 1

JEROME AV, n e corner of 195th St, 87.4x194.8 to Cromwell Av, x s 87.8x191.7; J. Schuyler Anderson, devisee, and others to Kate B. Anderson 1

LEXINGTON AV, e s, 22.2 ft s of 85th St, 20x67.8; Wilhelmine M. Sautter to Mary H. Kollman 4,000

LOT 87, map of Section A, Vyse estate; also Vyse Av, w s, 100 ft s of Charlotte Place, 50x100; Henry Goeltz to George Stolz ..... Exchange.

LOTS 73 to 76 on Crestline Av, 100x90; Webster Av w s, at dividing line between Lot 60 and 61, map of William E. M. Zborowski; Leopold Friesen and wife to Maria A. Wuytack 5,000

MADISON AV, 1,563-1,565, 50.6x70; Henry Spiegel to Adolph Loeffler 1

MADISON AV, 1,563-1,565, 50.6x70; Adolph Loeffler to Harris Friedman and another.

MADISON AV, w s, 51.2 ft n of 81st St, 25.6x95; Benjamin A. Jackson, referee, to Pincus Lowenfeld 3,000

MADISON AV, 1,563-1,565, 50.6x70; Harris Friedman to Elkan Kahn 1

MARTHA AV, e s, Lot 58, map of part of Hyatt Farm; John M. Fisher to John D. Fisher 1

MONROE ST, 18 and 15, n s, 50x100; Harris Freidman and another to Henriette Spiegel ..... Exchange.

MULBERRY ST, 114 and 116, 50x100; Annibale Boffa to Lorenza Dennon 1

PARK AV, n w corner of 87th St, 42.4x80; Hyatt Farm; John M. Fisher to 1

POPLAR ST, s s, 149.9 ft w of Main St, 25x103.6x24.11x101.11; Martin Kramer to Joseph O'Hare 750

POPLAR ST, s s, 149.9 ft w of Main St, 25x103.6x24.11x101.11; Walter L. Thompson to Martin Kramer ..... Omitted.

RAILROAD AV, s e corner of Gouverneur Place, 91.9x236.2x90x218.6; Magdalene Walter to August Jacob 10

STEBBINS AV, s w corner of Home St, 54.3x45x8.11x69.6; Home St, s s, 100.8 ft w of Stebbins Av, 23.9x42.5x19.7x58.8; Stebbins Av, n w s, 90.4 ft s w of Home St, 17.11x68.6x18.1x70.11; Leopold Friesen to Maria A. Wuytack 1,200

STEBBINS AV, e s, 638.4 ft n of 165th St, 25x182.5x18.7x171.1; also Stebbins Av, s s, 126.5 s of 167th St, 26.7x irregular; Franz A. Schwarz to Katchen Elm 10,000

VANDERBILT AV, s e corner of Gouverneur Place, 98.2x286.2x90x218.6; Magdalene Walter to August Jacob 10

WATER ST, 496, n s, and Cherry St, 233; Cherry St, 235-237; Isaac Jackson to Felix Phillips 1

WEBSTER AV, w s, 20 ft n of Southern Boulevard, 80x96; Bridget Grimley to Felix Grimley ..... Nom.

WEST BROADWAY, 241 and 243, 37.7x irregular; Ella V. A. Dayton to Isabella T. Newell and another 1

WEST WASHINGTON PLACE, 5, 21x55; Charles Jenkins to William P. Vaughan. 14,025

WILKINS PLACE, e s, 181.6 ft n of Jennings St, 25x100; Emil S. Levi to John C. Eichelman 100

1ST AV, e s, 58.3 ft s of 12th St, 26x100; Henry G. Koeppler to Elise Koeppler 25,000

3D ST, n s, 88.9 ft n w of Macdougal St, 23x100; John H. Dorn and another to William S. Mottier 23,500

3D AV, w s, 59 ft n of 170th St, 25.6x21; George Stols to Stephan Moser ..... Exch.

28TH ST, 229 to 239 West, 124.2x — x irregular; John J. Wysong and others, trustees, to Martha M. Wysong and another 1

29TH ST, n s, 100 ft e of 8th Av, 50x96.9; Ralph J. Jacobs and others, heirs, to Isidor A. Asher and others 1

44TH ST, s s, 300 ft w of 10th Av, 25x100; Margaretha Raber to Wilhelmina D. Torney 1

44TH ST, s s, 300 ft w of 10th Av, 25x100.5; Wilhelmina D. Torney and another to Margaretha Raber 1

44TH ST, n s, 233.4 ft w of 6th Av, 16.8x100.4; Florine A. Evesson to Joseph M. Lichtenauer 1

45TH ST, 61 West, 18.9x100.5; Adelia Thompson to Harris Mandelbaum and another 1

45TH ST, 428 West, 25x100.4; Isaac C. Bishop, as committee, to John H. Oakley. 500

46TH ST, n s, 375 ft w of 9th Av, 24.4x100.5; Jacob Dohrmann to Wilhelmina Dohrman 1

53D ST, s s, 100 ft w of 5th Av, 25x100.4; Margaret L. Crow, widow, and heirs to Francis G. Lloyd ..... Nom.

53D ST, s s, 100 ft w of 5th Av, 25x100.4; Margaret L. Crow and another, executors, to Francis G. Lloyd 100

54TH ST, s s, 234 East, 25x100.5; Gabriel Moses to Pincus Lowenfeld and another 1

64TH ST, 10 East, 20x100.5; Isaac Meinhard to Adelaide C. Hardenbergh 1

74TH ST, 321 East, 25x102.5; Herman Seidman and another to Konrad Kuhring. 20,000

79TH ST, 207 and 209 West, 34x102.2; John C. Platt to Laura Billings 1

82D ST, s s, 343.9 ft e of Amsterdam Av, 18.9x102.2; William W. Hall to Mary Williamson 1

86TH ST, n s, 154.7 ft e of 5th Av, runs e 24.8x n 100.8x w 25.7x s 99.10x s e 1.2; New York Life Insurance Company to William K. Porter 1

86TH ST, n s, 154.7 ft e of 5th Av, runs e 24.8x n 100.8x w 25.7x s 99.10x s e 1.2; William K. Porter to Francis K. Pendleton 1

89TH ST, n s, 37 ft e of Columbus Av, 21x75; Albert Klemme to Lillian Smith 30,000

92D ST, n s, w corner of Madison Av, 86.7x100.5; Nathan L. Ottinger to Leon Othfinger, ½ part 1

119TH ST, 118 West, 18x100.11; George W. Eggers to Leopold Jonas 1

121ST ST, 230, s s, 304 ft w of 7th Av, 17x100.11; Frederick E. Monti to Sarah C. Fountain ..... Exch.

137TH ST, 124 West, 25x99.11; William Ueckermann and wife to Franz A. Schwarz and wife ..... Exchange and 1

150TH ST, 325 East, 16x125; Albert S. Peakes and others to William H. Stutchburg 5,500

181ST ST, 625 West, 19.11x100; John H. Wiemers to John C. Keeler 7,400

181ST ST, n s, 44.11 ft e of Wadsworth Av, 20x100; Hohn H. Wiemers to John C. Keeler 7,500

Recorded Leases.

ADLER, Simon, and another to Mary E. Sipp; 2,623 8th Av, corner of 140th St, 5 years $1,200

BERG, Margaretha, to William F. Schoeller; 7th Av, 373, e s of store, 5 3-12 years 1,080

BERG, Margaretha, to William F. Schoeller; 7th Av, 373, e s of store, first floor, 5¼ years 360

CHANLER, Elisabeth W., by attorney, to Peter Wannemacher; 42d St, 213, n s, 345 ft e of Avenue A, 22.8x96.2, 5 years.. 650

CORN, Henry, to Solomon B. Solomon and another; 97 6th Av, 40 years 6,000

DORGELOH, Henry, to Henry Funk; 21 Avenue D, 2 5-12 years 900

GUTMAN, Emma, and another to Sarah Hodes; 3d Av, 2,168, 2 years 1,800

MICHEL, Emil, to Annie Cohn; 2,329 2d Av, 5 1-6 years ..... $936 to 960

MORRIS, Henry L., and others, trustees, to Jacob Dohrmann; 8th Av, w s, 75.4 ft s of 46th St, 25x75, 5 years 1,500

MURPHY, Catharine, to Isaac Goldberg; 331 Madison St, n e corner of Montgomery St, 4 5-12 years 700

SCHUR, Carl, to Michael McCabe; 5th Av, 71.3ft n e corner of 112th St, 5 years ..... $1,200 to 1,500

SEIFERD, Louis, to Charles Bredehoft; Park Av, 1,101, n e corner of 89th St, 3 years ..... $1,000 to 1,100

SWIFT, Elizabeth V., to Michael J. Fitzgerald; 58 Centre St, 5 years 1,600

WALKER, Frederick H., to G. H. M. Wyatt; 252 West 116th St, 3 years 1,200

WEINHANDLER, Solomon, to Wolf Kornfeld; Ridge St, 143, 3 years 1,260

Recorded Mortgages.

AHREND, Ernst, to Charles Hohl; n e corner of Home St and Forest Av, 2 years.. $2,000

BUCKLEY, Lawrence, to Francis S. Marden; s s of 104th St, 494.6 ft w of Columbus Av, demand 9,000

CLARK, Kate C., to Thomas B. Clark; e s of Boston Road, 42.10 ft s of East 7th St, runs s 19.9 x e 125 x n 83 ft to 169th St, x w — to road x s 32.6 ft to beginning, 3 years $4,000

COHN, Annie, to Obermeyer & Liebmann; 2,329 2d Av, demand 600

GAFFKEN, Henry, to Alfred N. Beadleston and another, trustees; s w corner of 6th Av and 46th St, 5 years 35,000

GOELTZ, Henry, to George Stolz; Fulton Av, e s, 53 ft n of dividing line of Lots 94 and 99, 25x211, 3 years 5,000

GOLDSTEIN, Morris, to Sophie Cohn; 70 Carmine St, 5 years 15,000

GOODMAN, Marx and Lena, to Henry Waters; n s of 44th St, 91 ft e of 9th Av, 3 years 2,000

GRIMLEY, Felix, and wife to United States Savings Bank; Webster Av, n w corner of Southern Boulevard, 2 years.. 15,000

GUHRING, Konrad and Anna, to Herman Seidman and another; n s of 74th St, 275 ft e of 2d Av, installments 3,000

HARDENBERGH, Adelaide C., to Fredericka R. Buckley; s s of 64th St, 170 ft e of 5th Av, 3 years 30,000

HEWITT, Margaret I., to Anna I. Felt; 247 West 25th St, 5 years 13,000

HEESEMANN, Martin, to Simon E. Bernheimer and another; 2,623 8th Av, lease, demand 3,000

HOLLAND, Thomas G., and wife and John L. to Elizabeth L. Holland; Katonah Av, n w corner of 233d St, 3 years 2,500

HORTON, Dexter B., to Euphemia S. Coffin; s s of 99th St, 191.8 ft e of West End Av, and adjoining property, 8 months, (two mortgages) 2,000

JACKSON, Isidore, to Annie Caskel; Cherry St, 237, 25x120, 1 year 4,500

JACOBS, Bernard, to Welz & Zerweck; 301 Madison St, lease ..... Secures debt

JACOB, August, to Magdalene Walter; s e corner of Vanderbilt Av and Gouverneur Place, 1 year 12,000

JONAS, Leopold, to the Equitable Life Assurance Society; s s of 119th St, 253 ft w of Lenox Av, 2 years 13,000

KATZENBERG, Julius, to The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York; 7th Av, s w corner of 141th St, 1 year 185,000

KEHOE, John, to Isidore Jackson and another; Norfolk St, w s, 70 ft s of Stanton St, demand 5,000

KIDANSKY, David, and Harris Fine to John Gates and others; 248 and 250 Broome St, 1 year 20,350

KIELY, Mary A., to Sarah Martin; Decatur Av, s e s, 152.1 ft n e of Southern Boulevard, 3 years 1,750

KIRBY, John, to Alfred Ogden; s w corner of Greenwich and Albany Sts, installments 19,500

KOLLMAN, Mary H., and another to William H. Young, as trustee; Lexington Av, w s, 82.2 ft s of 85th St, 20x67.3, 3 years 12,000

LIBAS, Robert, to Sarah John; n s of 90th St, 150 ft e of 3d Av, 1 year 4,000

LICHTENAUER, Joseph M., to Therese Mack; 121 West 44th St, 2 years 10,000

LINDENBERGER, Sarah, to Samuel Katz; s s of 44th St, 100 ft e of 5th Av, 2 years 7,500

LLOYD, Frances G., to the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company; s s of 53d St, 100 ft w of 5th Av 50,000

MATTHEWS, George, to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as guardian; s s of 75th St, 398 ft e of Avenue A, 306.2 ft to Exterior St, 5 years 25,000

McCARTHY, Frederick, to the Lawyers' Mortgage Insurance Company; Dawson St, n s, 100 ft w of Leggett Av and 5 adjoining parcels, (six mortgages,) 3 years 15,000

McCABE, Michael, Jacob Ruppert; 1,337 5th Av, demand 3,000

MOLONEY, Thomas, to Richard Webber; s s of 134th St, 262.6 ft w of Lenox Av, one-half year 5,000

MULLER, John, to the Equitable Life Assurance Society; 1,982 Lexington Av, 2 years 8,500

OLSEN, John, to Joseph Stickney; s s of 31st St, 285 ft w of 1st Av, 5 years 6,000

OTTINGER, Nathan L., to Mary and Moses Ottinger; 92d St, s w corner of Madison Av, 1 year 15,000

PARKER, Albert B., to the Metropolitan Savings Bank; w s of Morris Av, widened, 195.6 ft n of 163d St, 1 year ... 14,000

PARKER, Albert B., to Richard Bleeman; s s of Morrisania Av, 133.5 ft s of 164th St, 100.10x98.5 ft to Grant Av, —x100x84.5, 2 years 3,000

PENDLETON, Francis K., to Title Guarantee and Trust Company; n s of 86th St, 154.7 ft e of 5th Av, 3 years 12,000

PHILLIPS, Felix, to Isidore Jackson; Water St, 496, and Cherry St, 233, 235, and 237, demand 17,500

RAWITZER, Simon, and another to Frederick A. Constable and another, trustees; West Broadway, s e corner of Canal St, 3 years 60,000

RIDGWAY, Charles W. and Ada L., to Elizabeth A. Wallace; n e corner of 12th Av and 137th St, 1 year 1,500

SCHALLHARD, Josef, and wife to Hudson P. Rose; Lot 138, Block C, of amended map of H. P. Rose, Mapes estate, 10 years 375

SCHMALTZ, Catherine, to John Bussing, Jr.; Lot 213, map of Fenfield property, South Mount Vernon, 3 years 1,100

SCHWEPPENHAUSER, Elizabeth, to Henry and Emma Holding; Jerome, or Central Av, w s, 359.8 ft s of High Bridge Road, 1 year 2,500

SERRA, Vincenzo, to John T. Soles; s s of 144th St, 475 ft e of 8th Av, 16 months 1,000

SKRIVAN, Frank, and wife to William H. Lotty; Lots 82 and 83, map of Section A of Vyse estate, 2 years 850

SPIEGEL, Henrietta, to Harris Friedman and another; 18 and 15 Monroe St, installments, 2 mortgages 7,500

STUTCHBURY, William H., to Albert S. Bealnes and another; 325 East 150th St, secures notes 1,700

TUCKER, Sarah B., and another to Title Guarantee and Trust Company; 241 and 243 West Broadway, 3 years.... 50,000

UTHOFF, Louis, to Peter A. and Martin B. Furlong, executors, &c.; 747 Columbus Av, 3 years 2,000

WAHLIG, Frank A., to Mary A. Bruce; w s of Union Avenue, 83.4 ft n of 152d St, 3 years 4,000

WAHLIG, Frank A., to Harlem Savings Bank; w s of Union Av, 66.8 ft n of 152d St, 1 year 4,000

WAHLIG, Frank A., to Harlem Savings Bank; w s of Union Av, 50 ft n of 152d St, 1 year 4,000

WARSAW, S. W., to E. B. Warsaw; 22 Chatham Square, 1-5 part 3,000

WENIGMANN, Ernest, and wife to Asa Heinemann; Webster Av, e s, 51.3 ft s of 171st St, 3 years 8,000

WHITE, Webster, to L. D. Garrett; 119th St, n s, 90 ft w of Park Av, 1 month.. 600

WILLIAMSON, Mary, to Charles H. Russell and others, trustees, &c.; s s of 52d St, 343.9 ft e of Amsterdam Av, 3 years 20,000

WINTERS, John, to Jacob Ruppert; 1,101 Park Av, lease, demand 2,000

WUYTACK, Maria A. and Adolph J., to Patrick Conion; w s of Webster Av, Lot 82, map of property of William E. M. Zborowski, 10 months 500

ZODIKOW, Ludwig, and Louis Lewinthan to Elizabeth Le Boutillier; 338 Stanton St, 5 years 5,000

Assignments of Mortgages.

ASPINWALL, John A., and another, executors, &c., to John A. Aspinwall and another, trustees, &c. ..... Nom.

BACH, Lewis Z., to Carl Fischer, (two assignments) $5,000

BRAENDER, Philip, to Katharine Cook... 2,000

BEADLESTON, Alfred N., trustee, &c., to Alfred N. Beadleston and another, trustees ..... Nom.

BUTT, Hermina, to George Wolf 1,460

CLARK, Thomas B., to William H. Payne 4,000

COOKE, Maria J. K., to Mary B. Le Roy.. 1,000

GAHRMANN, Barbara, guardian, &c., to Charles Gerlich 2,133

GERMAN-AMERICAN REAL ESTATE Title Guarantee Company to Excelsior Savings Bank 7,000

GORDON, Frank W., and another to Hudson P. Rose 1,090

GREENLEAF, John T., administrator, &c., to Amsi L. Camp 4,979

HEWLETT, William H., to John Brooks and another, trustees ..... Nom.

KOENIG, Herman and Louise A., to Julius Wolff ..... Nom.

MACKAY

STONE DRIVEN INTO A WALL.

The wall of Jacob Bernheimer's house, at 35 West Seventy-second Street, was perforated last night by a heavy stone from a blast exploded in the adjoining lot by Contractor Antonio Pussi of 427 East One Hundred and Thirteenth Street.

The stone hit the kitchen wall just over the range. The wall is sixteen inches thick, but the stone struck with sufficient force to tear a jagged hole about twelve inches square clear through.

Half a dozen servants were in the house at the time, and they became panic stricken, thinking the house was being shelled. The building seemed to rock, and the plaster fell from the ceilings in clouds. Pictures toppled from their places to the floor. The loss will be about $300. The Bernheimer family were not in, as they are spending the Winter at Lakewood.

DENIAL FROM EX-GOV. ST. JOHN.

Ex-Gov. St. John of Kansas, who was reported in a recent dispatch as having been forced to retire from a meeting in Olathe, Kan., called to denounce his action in signing a petition for a druggist's license, has sent a telegram to the editor of The Voice in this city, in which he characterizes the published dispatch as "a monstrous lie." He adds:

"A meeting was held to protest against issuing permits to druggists. After the statute had been explained, and it was shown that everything was done in strict accordance with our most stringent prohibitory law, the resolution against granting permits was practically withdrawn by its author moving to adjourn without even taking a vote upon it."

DUTCHESS WANTS A JUDGE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 17.—The members of the bar of this county have forwarded to the Senator and Assemblyman from this district the draft of a concurrent resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution which would add a new section to Article VI., and provide for an additional Justice of the Supreme Court for the Second Judicial District, to reside in the County of Dutchess.

As the district is divided now it seems impossible to obtain the nomination of a Judge who shall reside in this county, unless an additional Judge shall be provided for. Efforts have been made in the conventions of both political parties to obtain the nomination of a Judge in this county since Judge Barnard's term expired, but such efforts have been of no avail.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.—In the matter of the application of the Directors of the NEW YORK BALANCE DOCK COMPANY for the voluntary dissolution of said corporation.

Willard P. Shaw, having, by an order made in the above-entitled proceeding, and entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, on the 2d day of September, 1897, been appointed receiver of the said New York Balance Dock Company.

Now, I, Willard P. Shaw, as such receiver, hereby requires all persons indebted to the New York Balance Dock Company to render an account of all debts and sums of money owing by them respectively to said receiver at his office, Number 2 Wall Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 28th day of February, 1898, and to pay the same.

The said Willard P. Shaw, as such receiver, also requires all persons having in their possession any property or effects of the said New York Balance Dock Company to deliver the same to him, at his said office on or before the said 28th day of February, 1898.

The said Willard P. Shaw, as such receiver, also requires all the creditors of the said New York Balance Dock Company to deliver their respective accounts and demands to him, at his said office on or before the said 28th day of February, 1898.

The said Willard P. Shaw, as such receiver, also requires all persons holding any open or subsisting contract of the said New York Balance Dock Company to present the same in writing and in detail to him, at his said office on or before the said 28th day of February, 1898.—Dated February 3d, 1898.

WILLARD P. SHAW,
Receiver of the New York Balance Dock Company.
BEEKMAN & DYKEMAN, Attorneys for Receiver, 189 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
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SUPREME COURT, COUNTY OF MONROE.—MICHAEL DOYLE, plaintiff, vs. C. PRITCHARD and JOHN DOE, whose real names are to plaintiff unknown, it being intended to describe thereby the persons doing business at Springdale, Arkansas, under the firm name of E. C. Pritchard and Company, defendants. To the above-named defendants: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you as by the complaint for the relief demanded in said complaint. Trial desired in the County of Monroe.—Dated the 18th day of January, 1898. ADLER & ADLER, Plaintiff's Att'ys. Office and Post Office address, 1,006-1,010 Granite Building, Rochester, N. Y.

To E. C. Pritchard and John Doe, whose real names are to plaintiff unknown, it being intended to describe thereby the persons doing business at Springdale, Arkansas, under the firm name of E. C. Pritchard and Company. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable William C. Werner Justice of the Supreme Court, dated the fifth day of February, 1898, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of Monroe County at Rochester, New York. ADLER & ADLER, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1,006-1,010 Granite Building, Rochester, New York.
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ROBERTS, DAVID H.—The people of the State of New York, to all persons interested in the estate of DAVID H. ROBERTS, an adjudged incompetent person, send greeting:

You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at Special Term, Part 1, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, to be held in and for the County of New York, in the County Court House, in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on the 5th day of April, 1898, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause why a final settlement of the accounts of Annie A. Roberts, as committee of the person and property of said David H. Roberts, an adjudged incompetent person, above named, should not be had.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto caused the seal of the Supreme Court of the State [L. S.] of New York, in and for the County of New York, to be hereunto affixed. Witness Hon. Henry Bischoff, Jr., Justice of said court, this 9th day of February, 1898.
W. SOHMER, Clerk.
HORWITZ & HERSHFIELD, Attorneys for Committee, 346 Broadway, New York City.
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SURROGATE NOTICES.

BARKER, ELIZABETH.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ELIZABETH BARKER, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Richard H. Mitchell, their attorney, No. 41 Park Row, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of September next.—Dated New York, the eleventh day of February, 1898. TARRANT PUTNAM, GEORGE A. BARKER, Executors. RICHARD H. MITCHELL, Attorney for Executors, 41 Park Row, N. Y. City. f11-law6mF

BLACK, GEORGE A.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against GEORGE A. BLACK, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, No. 44 Pine Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 16th day of June next.—Dated New York, the 9th day of December, 1897. LOUISA A. BLACK, Executrix. BLACK & KNEELAND, Attorneys for Executrix. 44 Pine Street. d10-law6mF

LEGAL SALES.

NOTICE OF SALE.

MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the decree of foreclosure and sale, made and entered by the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Tennessee, Western Division, on the 2d day of March, 1897, in a certain cause in equity, pending in said Court, wherein The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company is complainant, and The Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company and others are defendants, and pursuant to the mandate of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit filed in said cause in said Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of Tennessee, Western Division, and the order or decree of said last-named Court made and entered in said cause in accordance with such mandate on the 24th day of November, 1897; and pursuant, also, to certain decrees ancillary to said decree of said Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of Tennessee, Western Division, entered on the 2d day of March, 1897—such ancillary decrees having been respectively made and entered on or about the 5th day of April, 1897, in causes pending between said parties in the Circuit Courts of the United States for the following districts, respectively, viz.: the Eastern District of Tennessee, Southern Division; the Northern District of Alabama, Northern Division; and the Northern District of Mississippi, Eastern Division:

I, L. B. McFARLAND, as Special Master in and by said decrees appointed for that purpose, shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the railroad station upon the railroad of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, in the City of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, on Saturday, the 26th day of February, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon, the premises and property, rights, privileges and franchises described in the said decrees as follows:

All and singular the main line of railroad of the said Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, extending from the point of commencement thereof, in the City of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, via Corinth, in the State of Mississippi, and Huntsville, in the State of Alabama, to the terminus thereof in Stevenson in the said State of Alabama, connecting there with the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, being a distance of two hundred and seventy-two miles, be the same more or less; and also the branch of said railroad, situate in the State of Tennessee, known as the Somerville and Moscow branch extending from Moscow, on the main line, to Somerville, a distance of about four and one-half miles, be the same more or less; and also the branch of said railroad, situate in the State of Alabama, extending from Tuscumbia, on the main line, to Florence, a distance of about five miles, be the same more or less, and including the bridge across the Tennessee River, near Florence; and also the Washington Street Branch, so called, of said railroad, extending from the depot of said main line in the City of Memphis, through Washington Street and Centre Landing to the Mississippi River, and the depot grounds and wharves on said street, and all the rights and privileges of said railroad company in respect of the use of the streets and wharves and levee on the Mississippi River; and, also, all and singular the right of transportation of the passenger cars and freight cars of the said The Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company on and over the railroad between Stevenson, in Alabama, and Chattanooga, in Tennessee, which said Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, at the date of the execution of said mortgage—namely, August 20th, 1877, had or was entitled to, or could then, or could thereafter, claim under or in virtue of the contract of the date of June twenty-third and July twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, made between the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company and the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company, and all the rights and privileges whatsoever for or in respect to the use of, or participation over, the railroad between Stevenson and Chattanooga, now belonging to the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, which the said Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company holds or is by anywise entitled unto, or could, at the date of execution of said mortgage—namely, August 20th, 1877—or at any time since then, claim either under or in virtue of the before-mentioned contract of June and July, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, or otherwise howsoever, together with all and singular the roadway or track of the aforesaid main line of railroad extending from Memphis to Stevenson, as aforesaid, and of the said several branches respectively, and the superstructure and rails laid or to be laid thereon, respectively, and all the appurtenances thereof, and all the sidings, turnouts, bridges, wharves, viaducts, culverts, walls, fences, ways and rights of way, depots, stations, houses, engine-houses, car-houses, freight-houses, wood-houses, depot grounds and lands procured, provided, or intended for use for that purpose; building and repair shops, machine shops and lands used or procured, or intended for sites thereof, and other buildings, structures, lands, and improvements whatsoever, leases and leasehold interests, contracts, easements and privileges belonging or appertaining to, or used or procured, or designed to be used or procured, for the purposes of or in connection with the said main line of railroad and branches respectively, or the maintenance or operation thereof, or of any part thereof, at the date of the execution of said mortgage—namely, on the 20th day of August, 1877, or at any time thereafter; and also all the locomotives, tenders, passenger cars, baggage cars, freight cars and other cars, and all other rolling stock or equipment, and all machinery, tools and implements; rails chairs, and spikes and other materials whatsoever, now owned or possessed by said Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company at the date of the execution of said mortgage—namely, on the 20th day of August, 1877—or at any time thereafter, for the uses or purposes of, or designed for use in connection with, or for the operation, maintenance or reparation of the said main line of railroad and branches respectively, or any part thereof, or have been used in, or on hand, designed for use for the purposes of said main line of railroad and branches respectively, or any part thereof, at any time or times after the execution of said mortgage—namely, August 20th, 1877—and all the lands and real estate whatsoever of any and every kind whatsoever, and all improvements thereon situate in the State of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi respectively, which were owned or possessed by, or which belonged to, the said Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company at the date of the execution of said mortgage—namely, August 20th, 1877—and also all and singular the rights, privileges and franchises whatsoever, which the said Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company has acquired or become possessed of or entitled unto, since the said date of the execution of said mortgage, for or in respect to the use or purposes of the said main line of railroad and branches respectively, or the operation or maintenance thereof, and also all the tolls and income of the said main line of railroad and branches respectively, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances unto the premises aforesaid, or any of them, or any part thereof, belonging or in any wise appertaining; and the reversion or reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well at law as in equity, of the said Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, of, in and to the same, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

Subject, however, to a certain statutory lien in the nature of a mortgage originally created and existing in favor of the State of Tennessee, and mentioned and described in the said mortgage of August 20th, 1877; and also subject to the lien of a certain first mortgage or deed of trust dated May 1st, 1854, executed by said The Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company to James Punnett, G. B. Lamar, and Thomas Fearn, as trustees; and also subject to the lien of a certain second mortgage or deed of trust dated January 1st, 1867, made by said The Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company to Gustavus L. Masten, George W. Neal, and William C. Rehrn, as trustees, said first mortgage and said second mortgage having been extended by certain indentures, both dated September 7th, 1880, and being more particularly described in said decrees.

The said property, premises, rights, privileges and franchises will be sold as an entirety, and without an appraisement or right of redemption. Such sale will be made subject to all the terms, conditions, reservations and obligations contained in said several decrees, to which reference is hereby made, including the provision that the purchaser shall, as part consideration, and in addition to the sum bid for such property, take the same and receive the deed therefor upon the express condition that to the extent that the assets or the proceeds before delivery of purchaser's hands shall be insufficient, such purchaser, his successors, or assigns, shall pay, satisfy and discharge (a) any unpaid compensation which shall be allowed by the Court to the Receivers; (b) any unpaid indebtedness and obligations or liabilities which shall have been duly contracted or incurred by the Receivers before delivery or possession of the property sold; and (c) also any unpaid indebtedness or liability contracted or incurred by said defendant railroad company in the operation of its railroad, payment whereof was provided for in the order appointing Receivers herein, and which is prior in lien or superior in lien to said consolidated mortgage of August 20th, 1877, except such as shall be paid and satisfied out of the income of the property in the hands of the Receivers, or out of such other assets upon the Court adjudging the same to be prior in lien or superior in equity to said mortgage, and directing payment thereof; but no obligation is imposed upon or is required to be assumed by the purchaser to pay or discharge either the statutory lien or the first mortgage bonds or the second mortgage bonds of the defendant hereinbefore described, and subject to which such property is to be sold.

Said decrees provide that within thirty days from the confirmation of said sale or sales, or such further time as the Court may allow on application of the purchaser for good cause shown, the purchaser or purchasers of said property shall complete payment of the entire amount bid to the said Special Master; and that on such payment the said purchaser or purchasers shall be entitled to receive a deed of conveyance thereof from the Special Master, and as in said decrees provided, from the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, and The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company as trustee under the said mortgage of August 20th, 1877, and to receive possession of the property so purchased from the parties holding possession of the same, and upon the execution and delivery of such deed the Receivers shall deliver all the premises sold which may be in their possession over to the purchaser or purchasers, his or their successors or assigns, including all income, proceeds of income, bills and accounts receivable, cash and other property received by the Receivers in the management or operation of the mortgaged premises embraced in such conveyance, or pertaining thereto; subject, nevertheless, to the conditions in said decree mentioned.

Said decrees further provide that the purchaser shall take the property subject to the performance by him or his successors or assigns of all pending contracts in respect thereof theretofore lawfully made by the Receivers, and that the purchaser, his successors and assigns, shall have the right within ninety days after the completion of the sale and delivery of the deed to elect whether or not to assume or adopt any lease or contract sold with the railroad and other property and franchises, and the purchaser, his successors or assigns shall not be held to have assumed any of said leases or contracts which he or they shall so elect not to assume.

As directed by the said decrees the Special Master will receive no bid from any one offering to bid for the premises above described who shall not first deposit with him as a pledge that he will make good his bid in case of its acceptance the sum of $50,000 in money, or by certified check upon any National bank or trust company in the City of New York, or $100,000 par value of bonds secured by the said consolidated mortgage of August 20th, 1877. Upon the acceptance of any bid for such property the purchaser shall forthwith deposit with the said Special Master the sum of $50,000 in cash, or by certified check upon any National bank or trust company in the City of New York, but any cash which may have been previously deposited by the successful bidder as a pledge that he would make good his bid, will be received on account of the amount so required on the acceptance of his bid. In case any bidder shall fail to make the deposit in said decrees required upon the acceptance of his bid, the Special Master will then and there again offer the property for sale, without further notice or advertisement.

The Special Master will accept no bid for the mortgaged property unless the same shall be at least equal to the sum of $2,500,000. In case such amount above required shall not be bid therefor, the Special Master will adjourn the sale, and will apply to the Court for further instructions. The deposit received from any unsuccessful bidder will be returned to him, when the property shall be struck down. The deposit received from the successful bidder will be held and applied on account of the purchase price of the property for which such bid was made.

In case any bidder or purchaser shall fail to make good his bid upon its acceptance by the Special Master, or, after such acceptance, shall fail to comply with any order of the Court relating to payment thereof, or the consummation of the purchase, then the sums in cash or bonds deposited by such purchaser or purchasers as hereinbefore provided will be forfeited as a penalty for such failure, and will be applied towards the expenses of a resale, and towards making good any deficiency or loss in case the property shall be sold at a price less than that bid at the prior sale. If the Court shall not confirm the sale for which the deposit shall have been made, such deposit will be returned to the bidder.

Upon confirmation of the sale by the Court the purchaser shall make such further payment or payments in cash on account of his bid as the Court from time to time may direct. The purchaser may satisfy and make good any part of his bid not required to be paid in cash by turning in to be canceled or credited, as provided in said decrees, any bonds or coupons payable out of the proceeds upon distribution thereof; and such purchaser will be credited therefor on account of his bid with such sums as would be payable on such bonds and coupons out of the purchase price if the whole amount thereof had been paid in cash.

The Court reserves the right to resell the property upon such notice as the Court shall direct in case the purchaser thereof shall fail or omit to make any payment on account of any unpaid balance of the purchase price within thirty days after the entry of an order requiring such payment, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the decrees jurisdiction of the cause is retained by the Court, and the Court reserves the right to retake and resell the property in case the purchaser or his successors or assigns shall fail to comply with any order of the Court in respect to the payment of any such prior indebtedness or liabilities within thirty days after service of a copy of such order.

All sums of money received by the Special Master will forthwith be deposited with the designated depositary of the Court at Memphis, Tennessee, and all the bonds received by the Special Master with The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company; in each case subject to the order of the Court; and the certificates of said trust company or of the Guaranty Trust Company, of the City of New York, that it holds bonds as therein described subject to the order of the party named, and transferred to the order of said Special Master, will by him be received and accepted in lieu of such bonds as a deposit at the time of sale and on account of the payment of the purchase price bid, with like force and effect as though the bonds therein named had been delivered to such Special Master.

For a more detailed statement of the terms and conditions under which said sale will be made reference is hereby made to the above-mentioned decrees of said courts.

Dated January 20th, 1898.
L. B. McFARLAND,
Special Master.
TURNER, McCLURE & ROLSTON, 115 William Street, New York, N. Y.
ESTES & FENTRESS, Memphis, Tennessee, Solicitors for complainant.
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SURROGATE NOTICES.

CAMERON, JANE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John H. V. Arnold, a Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JANE CAMERON, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, at the office of John C. Coleman, No. 100 Broadway in the City of New York, on or before the 12th day of March, 1898, next.—Dated New York, the 10th day of September, 1897. ALEXANDER CAMERON, JR., Executor. JOHN C. COLEMAN Attorney for Executor, No. 100 Broadway, New York City. sept10-1aw6mF

COUDERT, CHARLES.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against CHARLES COUDERT, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, No. 100 Broadway, in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on or before the first day of August next.—Dated New York, the 20th day of January, 1898. FREDERIC R. COUDERT, Executor.
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EVANS, MARGARET E.—The People of the State of New York, by the grace of God free and independent, to May Jones Mainwaring, Hattie McLaughlin, Hannah Mainwaring, Simms Jones, Benjamin Starr, Sara Ann Woodvine, Eliza Garbett, Thomas Price, Maggie Montrior, William Price, Richard Felton, John Felton, Ellen Payne, Mrs. "Mary" Butler, (the name "Mary" being fictitious, her Christian name being unknown,) the heirs and next of kin of MARGARET E. EVANS, deceased, send greeting:

Whereas, Henry W. Poor of the City of New York has lately applied to the Surrogate's Court of our County of New York to have a certain instrument in writing bearing date the 15th day of June, 1893, relating to both real and personal property, duly proved as the last will and testament of the said Margaret E. Evans, late of the County of New York, deceased, therefore you and each of you are cited to appear before the Surrogate of our County of New York, at his office in the County of New York, on the 11th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to attend the probate of the said last will and testament.

And such of you as are hereby cited as are under the age of twenty-one years are required to appear by your guardian, if you have one, or if you have none, to appear and apply for one to be appointed, or in the event of your neglect or failure to do so, a guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for you in the proceeding.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of the Surrogate's Court of the said County [L. S.] of New York to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of our said County of New York, at said county, the 14th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
J. FAIRFAX McLAUGHLIN,
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court
PURRINGTON & SHANNON, Attorneys for Executor, 59 Wall Street, New York City.
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FOLSOM, DAVID.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John H. V. Arnold, Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against DAVID FOLSOM, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, to wit, at the office of his attorneys, No. 2 Wall Street, in the City of New York, on or before the fifteenth day of May next.—Dated New York, the fourth day of November, 1897. DANIEL W. TOMLINSON, Executor. VANDERPOEL, CUMING & GOODWIN, Attorneys for Executor, 2 Wall Street, New York City.
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GRUNER, SIEGFRIED.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against SIEGFRIED GRUNER, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 41 and 43 William Street, in the City of New York, on or before the fifth day of July next.—Dated New York, the 29th day of December, 1897. HENRY SCHAEFER and CARL MEISSNER, Executors. ANNIE J. GRUNER, Executrix BOWERS & SANDS, Attorneys for Executors. d31-1aw6mF

JETTER, GOTTLIEB.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against GOTTLIEB JETTER, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of Forster, Hotaling & Klenke, 207 East Fifty-fourth Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of March, 1898.—Dated New York, September, 1897.—EDWARD J. JETTER, ANNIE J. JETTER, Executors. FORSTER, HOTALING & KLENKE, Attorneys for Executors, 59 Wall Street, New York City. s3-1aw6mF

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SURROGATE NOTICES.

JUDSON, SOPHRONIA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against SOPHRONIA JUDSON, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, No. 743 East 167th Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 9th day of May next.—Dated New York, the 1st day of November, 1897. W. STEEBINS SMITH, Executor. n5-1aw6mF

MYERS, ALICE E.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John H. V. Arnold, a Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ALICE E. MYERS, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at her place of transacting business, No. 347 Broadway, in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on or before the 30th day of August, 1898, next.—Dated New York, the 10th day of February, 1898. JANE A. McKENNA, Temporary Administratrix. TOWNSEND, DYETT & LEVY, Attorneys for Administratrix, 247 Broadway, (Borough of Manhattan,) New York City. f11-law6mF

ROBERT, CHRISTOPHER R.—The People of the State of New York, by the grace of God free and independent, to JULIA ROBERT, Frederick Robert, Howell W. Robert, Christopher R. Corning, Hanson K. Corning, Sarah C. Galopin, the widow, heirs, and next of kin of CHRISTOPHER R. ROBERT, deceased, send greeting:

Whereas, JULIA ROBERT of the City of New York has lately applied to the Surrogate's Court of our County of New York to have a certain instrument in writing, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of November, 1897, relating to both real and personal property, duly proved as the last will and testament of Christopher R. Robert, late of the County of New York, deceased, therefore, you and each of you are cited to appear before the Surrogate of our County of New York, at his office in the County of New York, on the 18th day of March next, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to attend the probate of the said last will and testament.

And such of you as are hereby cited as are under the age of twenty-one years are required to appear by your guardian, if you have one, or if you have none to appear and apply for one to be appointed, or in the event of your neglect or failure to do so, a guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for you in the proceeding.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of the Surrogate's Court of the said County of New York to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, Surrogate of our said County of New York, at said county, the 16th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
[L. S.]
J. FAIRFAX McLAUGHLIN,
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court
B. AYMAR SANDS, Attorney for Proponent.
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RENAULT, CLEMENCE AUGUSTINE ALINE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against CLEMENCE AUGUSTINE ALINE RENAULT, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the undersigned, at the place of transacting business, at the office of Hotchkiss & Maddox, No. 35 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the 20th day of July next.—Dated the 20th day of January, 1898. HENRIETTE RENAULT PICABIA, GEORGES RENAULT, Executors.
HOTCHKISS & MADDOX, Attorneys for Executors, No. 35 Nassau Street, New York City.
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WARNER, ARLON M.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. John H. V. Arnold, Surrogate of the City and County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against ARLON M. WARNER, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, No. 52 Wall St., in the City of New York, on or before the 25th day of March next.—Dated New York, the 25th day of September, 1897. WILLIAM P. CLARK, JOSEPH CONNER, Executors; ELIZABETH WARNER, Executrix. FORSTER & SPEIR, Attorneys for Executors, 52 Wall Street. s24-law6mF

TRAVELERS' GUIDE—SHIPPING.

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FAST EXPRESS SERVICE.
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MRS. BURDEN ROBBED AGAIN

Thief in the Guise of a Gas Inspector Stole $2,500 in Jewelry.

DETECTIVES CAUGHT THE MAN

The Property Recovered from Pawnshops and a Confession Forced by Which Other Thefts Were Unearthed and Jewels Found.

I. Townsend Burden of 5 East Twenty-sixth Street, whose house was robbed of diamonds and jewelry valued at $40,000 two years ago, was the victim of a smooth rascal in the early part of the present week, when his house was looted of $2,500 worth of diamonds and pearls. A man called at his house Tuesday morning, and informed the servant that he was in the employ of a gas company and had been sent to look at the gas arrangements. His appearance was prepossessing, and he was readily admitted.

A servant accompanied him to the cellar, and then through the first and second floors. He made a careful inspection as he went from one part of the house to the other, and succeeded in arousing no suspicions in the mind of the butler, who accompanied him. On reaching the third floor the man servant left the supposed gas inspector, for one of Mrs. Burden's maids was on that floor, and the man was turned over to her watchfulness. While the maid was conducting him about she was called to perform some service for Mrs. Burden, who was dressing for luncheon.

This gave the thief his opportunity. He slipped into Mrs. Burden's bedroom and took from there several articles of value. These consisted of a crescent pin, with twelve diamonds, the middle one being especially large and beautiful; a turquois and diamond pin; a gold chain purse, with a large turquois on the cover and diamonds; a pin of turquois and a pearl pin, shaped like a double heart, surrounded by pearls; a gold chain, with a diamond pendant, and a small gold chain, with a large diamond attached.

Mr. Burden reported the robbery after its discovery to the Detective Bureau, and Capt. McClusky told his men who cover the up-town districts to look after the thief. Mr. Burden described the "gas man" as being well dressed, of light complexion, with a smooth face. He wore a light Fedora hat, with a black band and a black lining for the under side of the brim. Detectives Berkley and Arfken saw a man answering his description walking on Madison Avenue yesterday afternoon. They followed him for a mile or more, and took him into custody at Eighth Street.

To Capt. McClusky the prisoner finally admitted his guilt. Pawn tickets for Mr. Burden's jewelry and tickets calling for much more jewelry were found upon him. The man gave his name as Carl L. P. Hansen, otherwise known as "Bjorkman," twenty-three years old, and born in Sweden. He said two years ago, and two years ago, and came to this country. He was a sailor, and enlisted in the United States Navy as a seaman on the ill-fated battleship Maine. He remained in the naval service only a short time, when he deserted his ship. He afterward went back to Europe on the Paris, and remained in London for a time, finally returning to New York.

He said that on Feb. 5 he robbed the house of A. H. Lamson, 111 West Seventy-second Street, while in the guise of an employe of the gas company, of a brooch containing twenty-five diamonds, a large amethyst breastpin, set with pearls; a ruby ring, and three diamond rings, valued at $2,000. On Monday last he entered the house of Mrs. Leopold Weil, at 109 West Seventy-seventh Street, as a gas inspector, and robbed the place of a gold watch, a solitaire diamond ring, and a large pin, set with thirty pearls, all valued at $1,000.

Tickets for all of this jewelry were found in the prisoner's possession, and were recovered from the pawnshops where it had been pledged. The prisoner was identified as being the culprit by servants from the Burden house and from the other houses he had visited.

The first Burden robbery was committed in the Spring of 1896. This robbery was committed by William Robert Dunlop, butler, and William Turner, second butler, in the Burden mansion. The two thieves eluded the vigilance of the detectives under Capt. O'Brien, then head of the Detective Bureau, and fled to London, where they were caught by men from Scotland Yard on June 4 of that year. They were extradited and sentenced to imprisonment for sixteen and fourteen years, respectively. Nearly all of the jewelry stolen by the two butlers was recovered in London.

THE DISPENSARY BILL.

Dr. Wiggin's Explanation of the Purpose of Those Who Favor the Measure.

Dr. Frederick Holme Wiggin of this city says that in the accounts of the hearing on the Dispensary bill before the joint committee of the Senate and the Assembly in Albany last Wednesday the impression was given that important "medical bodies" appeared in opposition to the measure, said to be a plan for "a medical trust," and that no important bodies appeared in favor of the measure. Dr. Wiggin asserts that no medical society, save the Homoeopathic State Medical Association, appeared against the bill, notwithstanding the fact that Dr. Frank Van Fleet, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the New York State Medical Society, appeared, claiming to represent that body. A note signed by Dr. F. J. Curtis, Secretary of the last-named society, is quoted, to the effect that no action of any sort has been taken by that society on the question of free dispensary abuses.

The names of the following medical societies are mentioned as having already indorsed the Dispensary bill: The New York County Medical Association, Medical Society of the County of New York, the New York Medical League, the New York Society for Advancing the Practice of Medicine, the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Queens County Medical Association, Brooklyn Medical Society, Brooklyn Medical Association, Long Island Medical Society, Medical Society of the County of Queens, Medical Society of the County of Richmond, and the New York State Medical Association. The collective membership of these societies is about 5,000.

Dr. Wiggin deprecates the imputation that the physicians are striving to form a medical trust, and says that they are striving merely to secure a proper regulation of medical charity. "The desire is to remedy the great evil of free-to-all medical charity," he says, "and not to close dispensaries or to impair their usefulness. We are simply endeavoring to exclude those applicants who may prove, after a considerate investigation, to be unworthy of assistance, and who by their acts are robbing deserving poor of the physicians' time which should be given to them."

GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT.

The ex-Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments Did Not Obey a Writ.

Justice Kellogg, in the Supreme Court, yesterday, handed down a decision adjudging Edward P. Barker, Theodore Sutro, and James L. Wells, Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments of the City and County of New York prior to Jan. 1, guilty of contempt of court in not obeying an order to file a return to a writ of certiorari issued July 8, 1897.

The writ was obtained by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company on the claim that the Commissioners of Taxes had assessed the valuation on the capital stock at $14,493,496, an excessive amount. The company further alleged that the Commissioners placed a valuation of $300,000 on the Twenty-third Street line, and that this was also too high.

The Commissioners, it appears, have never made any return to the writ, and since the new charter went into operation the point has been raised by them that the new Commissioners make the return. Justice Kellogg says that the return to the writ should be made by the Assessors who made the valuation. He says that the fact that the statute does not contemplate that a successor in office may make a return (on information or belief) seems conclusive that the return should be made by the former Assessors.

The decision further says that the Assessors have filed what is not a return, and that they have failed to carry out the order of the court.

SOME COLLEGE TENDENCIES.

The President of Hobart Says the Pleasure-Seeking Son Forgets His Toiling Parent.

At the February meeting of the Drawing Room, held last night at the Waldorf-Astoria, President Jones of Hobart College read a paper on "Some Tendencies in College Education." He argued that the luxury and elaborateness of college life is frequently incompatible with substantial attainments, and said, in part:

"When, at a college football game, one sees hundreds of well-dressed, stalwart undergraduates twenty years and over rejoicing in boyish sport, and reflects that few of them could earn $5 a week if thrown upon their own resources, he feels that there must be somewhere a forgotten man; that some one must pay the cost of all this. The forgotten man is the parent. There is something wrong when it is possible for full-grown men to find their chiefest joy in shouting on a grand stand, at an age when men in other countries are grappling with their life work.

"College life with us is too expensive and it begins and ends too late. The average age of graduation is twenty-three; then come three or four years of professional study; then an equal period of waiting for practice and reward. The man is twenty-eight or thirty before he reaches self-support and full self-respect.

"There is a great, unvoiced demand for an earlier, healthier, simpler, cheaper, and more earnest college life, which shall permit of earlier self-support. The parental paymaster will not always consent to be forgotten."

LEGAL NOTES.

LIEN OF ATTORNEY.—In an action brought by Peter Herter against the receivers of the Murray Hill Bank, a decree was granted that upon payment by Herter of $1,992.55 to the receivers they should surrender to him certain promissory notes and satisfy a mortgage they held as security. The plaintiff and defendants are both satisfied with the decree, and wish to carry its provisions into effect, but Arthur Furber, the lawyer who procured the decree, claimed that his lien for services should first be paid. Justice Kellogg, in Supreme Court, Special Term, yesterday, held that the attorney could not now effectually prevent the execution of the decree by any claim of lien, and that he must be contented with any lien he may have subject to the decree, after it had been performed. The Court directed that Herter and his wife give an undertaking, conditioned to save the receivers harmless against damage from their complying with the terms of the decree.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF LAWYERS TO CLIENTS.—Mrs. Claire Hildebrand, a widow, living in Syria, gave a power of attorney to Robert Avery, a lawyer, to collect for her from various insurance companies over $5,000. He made the collections, and, upon application to the Supreme Court for a peremptory order directing him to pay over these moneys, he did not claim that he had paid beyond $1,555, and made no excuse for not paying the remainder except that he did not act as attorney at law in making the collections. Justice Kellogg yesterday granted the order, saying that this was a service usually rendered by an attorney at law. The power of attorney did not style Avery as being an attorney in fact, but constituted him plaintiff's "true and lawful attorney, to serve her in making the collections." "The defendant," the Court said, "cannot be permitted to screen himself by such a claim. He undertook to do a lawyer's work; he is a lawyer, in fact, and as such must respond."

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THE POLICY WAS CANCELLED.—A fire insurance policy, issued by the Exchange Fire Insurance Company of the City of New York to Edward W. Backus and another, upon property in Minneapolis, contained a provision that it should be cancelled at any time at the request of the insured, or by the company by giving five days' notice of such cancellation, and if the cancellation was by the company giving notice, it should retain only the pro rata premium. The policy was issued on Nov. 2 1892, and on July 15, 1893, the company posted a letter to the insured which was received on the 17th. A suit by the insured against the company to recover upon a subsequent fire loss resulted on the trial in judgment in favor of the defendant, and that decision has now been affirmed by the First Appellate Division. The only question at issue on the appeal was as to the construction of the provision in the policy relating to its cancellation, and whether the policy was cancelled by the service of the notice on the plaintiffs, not accompanied by payment or tender of the unearned premium. Justice McLaughlin, giving the opinion of the court, said besides other things: "The further provision that the unearned portions of the premium should be returned on surrender of the policy or last renewal did not require the repayment of the unearned premium as a condition precedent to the cancellation of the policy. The pro rata premium was only to be returned on surrender of the policy or last renewal. That surrender of the policy was an act to be performed by the insured. It cannot be enforced by the insurance company, as it is in the possession of the insured. All that the defendant could do was to notify the insured that the policy was cancelled, and offer to pay the pro rata unearned premium upon the surrender of the policy. It then became the duty of the insured to offer to surrender the policy or last renewal. Then the obligation of the insurance company to pay the pro rata premium would arise. If a surrender of the policy had been tendered by the insured, and the insurance company had then refused to pay the pro rata unearned premium, it might be that the obligation of the company under the policy would revive, and the policy continue in force; but under the form of this clause, providing for the cancellation, it seems to me quite clear that the policy was cancelled by a service of the notice with an offer then to return the pro rata unearned premium from the surrender of the policy."

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CONTROVERSY BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE.—Mary K. B. Gouge was sued by her husband, Henry A. Gouge, in the former Court of Common Pleas, to recover one-half of the net proceeds realized from the sale of certain real estate, under an alleged oral agreement on her part, when she bought the property that she would pay him one-half of all she received from its sale, after deducting the purchase price. A dismissal of Mr. Gouge's complaint has now been affirmed by the First Appellate Division, in an opinion by Justice McLaughlin. Mrs. Gouge, who in 1873 was the widow of one Russel Bates, from whose estate she was receiving, and has since received, an income, at that date married the plaintiff. In 1879, as husband and wife, they went into possession, as tenants, of this real estate. Soon after, proceedings were instituted to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises. Mr. Gouge attended the sale and bid in the property for his wife, and she received a deed from the referee. She paid the entire consideration, borrowing a portion of the money upon her note from her former husband's estate, and for the balance giving a purchase money mortgage. The plaintiff did not claim that the alleged arrangement sued upon was made prior to the sale. "Therefore," Justice McLaughlin said, "if it was made at all, it was after the sale, and the record fails to disclose a suggestion of any consideration for it." Such a contract, if it could be enforced in any event, would have to be based upon a good and valuable consideration. A meritorious consideration alone would not be sufficient. (Matter of Wilbur vs. Warren, 104 N. Y., 196.) The alleged agreement, according to plaintiff's own testimony, is vague and unsatisfactory throughout. It is uncertain in every respect. It lacks every element necessary to enable the court to enforce a specific performance. To entitle one to a specific performance of an oral contract, partly performed, for the purchase and sale of land, or for an interest in the proceeds derived from a sale, it is absolutely essential in every case that the contract not only should be clearly proved, but that its terms and conditions should be made reasonably certain. (Dunckel vs. Dunckel, 141 N. Y., 427.) The plaintiff's own evidence, if we accord to it the most favorable consideration possible, utterly failed to establish a contract of this character."

Charges Against Dr. Joy Dismissed.

The charges of neglect of duty and inefficiency made against Dr. Henry D. Joy, physician of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, were dismissed by the Trustees at their meeting yesterday. Recorder Goff, Alexander E. Orr, Capts. Norton and Jayne, the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, and the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield were present, and the vote to dismiss the charges was not a unanimous one. These charges were made by a nurse and an assistant physician employed at the harbor during the recent investigation of Capt. Trask's management as Governor.

LIBRARIES PROMISE MUCH

A Vast Increase in Volumes and Circulation Within the Last Four Years.

ALL REPORTS ENCOURAGING

Annual Meeting of the Library Club and Library Association Brings Out Some Creditable Figures—Election of New Officers.

The New York Library Association and the New York Library Club held their annual joint meetings yesterday morning and afternoon in the Young Men's Christian Association Building, at 318 West Fifty-seventh Street.

The first meeting was opened by President A. L. Peck of the Library Association at 10 o'clock in the morning. The other meeting was at 2:30 o'clock, and lasted until 6 P. M. There were present about 250 members and friends who sympathized with the motives of the sessions, which were stated to be the advancement of the library system and the promotion of fraternal relations among librarians and those interested in such work.

President Peck said that all librarians of the State had reason to feel proud of the advancement that had been made in the last few months. He showed that the sixteen leading libraries in New York had a total number of 400,624 volumes in 1897, and a circulation of 2,010,541 for that year. In 1893 the circulation was but 980,000, showing that there had been an increase of 1,030,000 in the intervening four years. The advance had been steady, and was due to the improvement in system of circulation and an increase in the number of volumes.

W. R. Eastman Speaks.

W. R. Eastman, State Inspector of Public Libraries at Albany, delivered a lengthy address, in which he said the number of libraries which reported from New York City in 1897 was twenty-six. These included the branches. "There were probably as many more connected with mission enterprises or in some way supported by private gifts that did not report," he continued. "There was one library of considerable importance, the Harlem Library, which, after fifty years' trial of the subscription plan, became free last September and began to circulate books at the rate of 10,000 a month.

"The highest record for 1897 is held by the One Hundred and Tenth Street branch of the Aguilar Free Library, which showed 4,893 books circulated 93,028 times. The second in the list is the Bloomingdale branch of the New York Circulating Library. Two years ago the city paid its libraries $60,000, a year ago $97,000, and, according to the estimate, they will receive this year, $166,000. This increase is very praiseworthy. The opening of every new branch shows that the great hunger for books is not yet half supplied. The circulation has doubled in four years, not because the population has increased at such a rate, but because the number of books and facilities for obtaining them have doubled."

Popular Classification.

A. E. Bostwick, President of the New York Library Club, outlined a general scheme of popular classification. Miss Imogene Hazeltine of the Prendergast Library, of Jamestown, Frank P. Hill of Newark, and W. E. Foster of Providence read papers, and a discussion followed on the experiments recently made in allowing borrowers free access to shelves. W. K. Stetson of New Haven, Adeline E. Brown of the Yorkville branch, New York; Miss Kate Kaufman of the Riverside branch, and H. L. Elmendorf of Buffalo, contended that there was no longer any question that the free-access plan was an admirable one, as it allowed borrowers to make better selections and brought them in close contact with the librarians, who were thus enabled to guide them in what to read.

Others who addressed the meetings were Thomas W. Idle of Columbia University Library, Helen E. Haines of the Library Journal, and Caroline M Hewins of Hartford.

W. R. Eastman, M. S. Wheeler, and Helen E. Haines were made a committee to prepare a list of the best books for libraries for 1898, and Dr. J. S. Billings, J. S. Brandegee, W. C. Morey, C. L. Peck, and W. R. Eastman, a Committee on Legislation.

These officers were elected by the Library Association:

A. L. Peck, President; W. A. Bardwell, First Vice President; Elizabeth G. Baldwin, Second Vice President; W. R. Eastman, Secretary, and J. N. Wing, Treasurer.

The committee of the Library Club for the year will be C. Alexander Nelson, Mary W. Plummer, and Wilberforce Eames.

In the afternoon the Trustees of the American Library Association met in the same building. Alexander Maitland presided, and Dr. Henry W. Leipziger of the Aguilar Free Library acted as Secretary. The latter, Mrs. R. J. Cross, W. W. Appleton, L. N. Heafield, and Alexander Maitland were made a committee to devise means for the better co-operation of the district school libraries with the public libraries.

Those who attended the joint meeting dined last night at the Sturtevant House.

CRITICISES MR. McKINLEY.

The Rev. J. H. Batten Says the President Is a Traitor to Methodism.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 17.—In his annual address before the Epworth League of New Jersey, the President, the Rev. J. Hoffman Batten of Matawan, expressed himself vigorously on the temperance question to-day.

Something of a sensation was created among the 300 delegates who had assembled in the First Methodist Episcopal Church when the Rev. Mr. Batten said: "We should honor Gov. Shaw of Iowa for refusing to countenance a ball or to permit wine at state functions. But I cannot say the same of the man who sits yonder in the White House. He may be loyal to social traditions, but he is a traitor to the principles of Methodism."

The Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard of New York said in his address on "The Epworth League in Relation to Reform Movements."

"If I could have my way, every man, woman, and child in this country would sign the total abstinence pledge and every saloon would go out of business at once.

"No political party dares to say it is in favor of the sale of liquor. If they say anything about it in their platforms they talk of restricting the traffic. The Christian Church is great on resolutions, but if its members would only cry out on election day with their ballots the liquor traffic would be wiped out."

GASOLINE FURNACE EXPLODES.

Two Women and a Plumber at Work Painfully Burned.

Through the explosion of a plumber's gasoline furnace yesterday, at 2,210 Second Avenue, the mechanic at work and two women were seriously injured and the furniture in the room was wrecked. The plumber was Arthur Jiroud, twenty-four years old, of 73 East One Hundred and Fifth Street. He was repairing a faucet in the kitchen of the apartments occupied by Mrs. Matthew Fagan, on the third floor. Mrs. Fagan and her sister, Rose Carland, were both in the room.

By the explosion two large windows in the front room of the apartment, as well as three windows in the rear, were blown into the street. The whole house seemed to be enveloped in flames. Edward Furse of 2,211 Second Avenue saw the flames, turned in an alarm, and summoned a policeman. He and the officer ran up stairs and found Mrs. Fagan and her sister on their knees in the middle of the floor of the dining room, screaming with pain. They were both badly burned about the head and face.

A physician was called, who dressed the wounds of the two women, while Jiroud was taken to the Harlem Hospital. It was at first thought that he had been blinded, but his injuries are not now believed to be serious.

The furniture in all the apartments in the house was overturned and knocked about by the shock of the explosion, but no damage resulted from fire.

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CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION.

The Committee of Prominent Men Appointed by Mayor Van Wyck Meets and Organizes.

The Committee on Charter Day Celebration appointed by the Mayor met in the Aldermen's Chamber in the City Hall yesterday and organized. More than 200 of the 420 appointed answered the roll call. Mayor Van Wyck called the meeting to order, and suggested that a permanent Chairman be elected. C. C. Shayne moved and Horatio C. King seconded the nomination of W. D'H. Washington, the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, and the election was made unanimously. Col. J. G. Garnett was made Secretary, R. B. Roosevelt Vice President, and H. W. Cannon of the Chase National Bank Treasurer.

The absolute authority with which Mr. Croker rules the Tammany men was rather humorously indicated in a discussion that followed a demand for a roll call. One of the first of the newly appointed committee to arrive at the City Hall was Civil Justice J. H. Stiner. He took a seat in the front row of the Chamber, and held it until Mr. Croker arrived. Then he yielded it to the leader and took a vacant chair near the reporters' table. When the call was made for a roll call Justice Stiner objected loudly. He declared that it was a waste of time to read the roll of names, that it had already been published, and that all the members knew the names of the other members.

Mr. Croker whispered to ex-Judge T. W. Pittman, who sat beside him, and Mr. Pittman caught the Chairman's eye and took the floor.

"It has been suggested to me," he said, "that there should be a roll call—"

Before he had time to speak more Justice Stiner was on his feet. "I withdraw my objection," he cried. "Let us have a roll call."

Secretary Garnett made a report of the work already done by the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Committee, and it was unanimously approved. On motion of District Attorney Gardiner, it was decided that the Mayor and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee should elect committees of the joint committees, to be known as the General Committees on Charter Day Celebration and to carry into effect a scheme of celebration when finally adopted. By general consent it was decided that the joint committees take up the work where it was left by the Citizens' Committee.

Ex-Mayor Gilroy moved, and it was unanimously agreed to, that Mayor Van Wyck should be honorary President of the celebration.

BISHOP DUDLEY DECLINES.

Refuses the Secretaryship of the Protestant Episcopal Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Because Bishop Thomas Underwood Dudley of Kentucky believes that many of his brethren in the Episcopate are opposed to his acceptance of his recent election to the General Secretaryship of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and for other reasons, he has declined to assume the duties of the office. At the time of his election, on Feb. 8, at the meeting of the Board of Missions in the Church Missions House, this city, Bishop Doane of Albany was appointed as a committee to inform Bishop Dudley of his election. Bishop Doane, on Wednesday, received a reply from Bishop Dudley, declining the honor placed upon him, and yesterday sent a copy to the offices of the Board of Managers at the Missions House. In this letter, after declining to accept the election, Bishop Dudley says:

I ask leave to say a word in answer to the question, which may most naturally be asked, why I did not give this decision when I was nominated to this position by the almost unanimous action of the board, at its meeting in January, when I was present. My answer is that I did not dare thus in a moment to decide a question of duty presented by that action, with but one dissenting voice, of such a body of representative churchmen. I could but feel that such almost unanimous action might indicate that it was the will of God that I should undertake this extraordinary service, and therefore all that I dared to say at that time was that I hoped I should always be willing to undertake any duty which the church should put upon me, at the cost of any personal sacrifice, and even at the cost of a seeming sacrifice to the diocese of my love.

But now that by correspondence with my brethren in the Episcopate I have learned that a majority of them are opposed to my acceptance of the office, even for the short time designated, and now that I have learned that the action of the board itself was by no means unanimous, my way is made perfectly plain, for the constraining force of the supposed unanimity is no longer present to compel the sacrifice of myself and of my diocese. I am grateful to my brethren for their good opinion, for their belief in my ability and my willingness to serve the great cause of missions, and because I have been invited by the board to act as its representative, I am bold to call upon all churchmen—Bishops, priests, and laymen—to take pains, that in this year of disorganization, when the society has no duly appointed leader, there shall be no falling off in the contributions to our missionary treasury; that our personal efforts shall supply the deficiency of official leadership, and that each shall feel responsible that the King's cause receive no hurt.

ELLSWORTH BILL A MENACE.

The Newspaper Publishers Send a Denunciatory Resolution to the Legislature—Banquet To-night.

The second day of the convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association was devoted to a general discussion of the advertising features of the newspaper and to new type-setting machines. Advertising agents were also the subject of discussion, and the question of restricting their commissions was considered, but no definite action was taken.

In view of the fact that the Ellsworth Anti-Cartoon bill is now before the Senate, the convention took up the bill and passed the following resolution, which was sent to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, By the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, now in convention assembled in New York City, and representing three-fourths of the capital and circulation of the daily press of the United States, that the so-called Ellsworth bill, now in the Senate of this State, and which bill is intended to prohibit the printing of cartoons and criticisms of public men in the newspapers of New York State, is a menace to the freedom of the press and a threat to stifle the honest expression of belief, and is hostile to the interest of the public, and in contravention of public opinion.

The convention will to-day elect officers for the ensuing year. A President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and five other Directors will be chosen. It is usual to elect new officers, although it was said yesterday that it was probable President Knapp and other officers would be re-elected. Discussion to-day will be upon the libel law as it affects newspaper publishers. Other matters of interest will also be considered.

It is expected that 400 persons will be present at the newspaper publishers' banquet to-night at the Astoria, which will close the visit to this city. Among those who have been invited to speak are William Berri of The Standard Union of Brooklyn, T. P. Peters of The Brooklyn Times, S. E. Morse of The Indianapolis Sentinel, and George H. Daniel, General Passenger Agent of the New York Central Railroad. The visitors were entertained last night by the paper manufacturers.

The sign for you to economize is still hung out.

Two days' selling has taken over 2,000 suits from the several thousand; has taken all the $28 ones; but has left a good assortment at $25 and under; has left something, of all sizes, way up to 46 inches chest measure.

The suits are last Spring's; sacks and cutaways.

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TO-MORROW

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The New York Times

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Authors at Home. XVIII.
Henryk Sienkiewicz, Author of "Quo Vadis," and His Life in Poland—His Visit to America and the Material He Got Here.

Civil War Histories Again
Mr. Joel Chandler Harris's Article of Last Week Followed by One from Daniel H. Chamberlain, Governor of South Carolina, 1874-1876.

The Poet of the Far West
Joaquin Miller and His Verse—His Writings Now Collected Reviewed by CHARLES DE KAY.

Literary Letters from Europe
Mr. Alden's from London and Mr. Strong's from Paris.

Burke and Fox. 1774—1797
Facts in Their Friendship and Their Later Estrangement.

Venice and Eugenie. I.
Mrs. SHERWOOD'S Reminiscences of the Most Beautiful of Cities and Women.

Books Worth Reading Again. V.
Reuben Davis's Reminiscences of Life in Mississippi Before the War—One of the Most Interesting Books on that Period Ever Written.

Arthur Young Again
Some Further Passages from His Autobiography—Washington and Napoleon.

Illuminated Manuscripts
Our Debt to the Monks of Old Times—Origin of the Art—Value of Specimens.

Richard Le Gallienne
His Rise to Authorship Through Journalism and Service in an Accountant's Office.

Books and Authors
Timely and Fresh Notes of Forthcoming and Recent Publications.

The New York Times
"All the News That's Fit to Print."

LONG ISLAND CITY WATER.

Commissioner Dalton and Cord Meyer on the Citizens' Company.

Commissioner Dalton of the Department of Water Supply said yesterday there was urgent necessity for an increased supply of water in the Borough of Queens. He denied that there was any politics in his recommendation of the contract with Cord Meyer's Citizens' Supply Company, and declared that he made it solely on the report of the Chief Engineer to his department, G. W. Birdsall, who made an investigation and reported that in no other way could the defects of the system be rectified without long delay.

Cord Meyer said the price of $65 per 1,000,000 gallons was very small. Consumers in Queens County are now charged 15 cents per 1,000 gallons and in Brooklyn 10 cents per 1,000. Referring to the statement that his company offered the water to Long Island City for $50 per 1,000,000 gallons, Mr. Meyer said it was only for a small quantity and a short term. They had the water to spare then, but to be ready to supply 3,000,000 gallons a day would necessitate the enlargement of their pumping stations and call for a considerable outlay on the part of the company.

Phillips Brooks's Estate.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—An inventory of the estate left by the late Bishop Phillips Brooks, who died early in 1893, has just been filed in the Suffolk Probate Court, together with an account of his executors, showing that the legacies under his will have been paid. His whole estate was appraised at $45,856.

AMUSEMENTS.

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First Time Up Town.
MARVELOUS BIOGRAPH.
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Last week of "Comedy and Tragedy." CHAS. T. ELLIS & CO., Musical Sketch; JOHN KERNELL, Irish Comedian; 3 POLOS, Gymnasts; DELTORELLIS, Musical Clowns; 40 others.

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"THE WHITE HEATHER."
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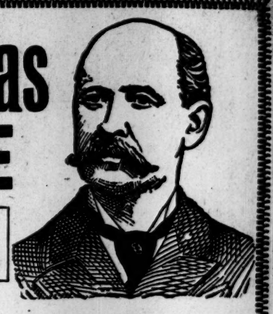

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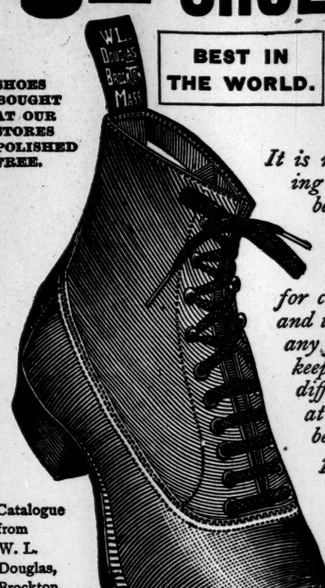

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VAUDEVILLE IDEAL BENEFIT
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by THE UNITED VAUDEVILLE PROFESSION OF AMERICA.
at
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Next Sunday Night (Feb. 20).
THE VOLUNTEERS (WHO WILL POSITIVELY APPEAR) include Anna Held, Clara Morris, Pauline Hall, Maggie Cline, Julie Mackey, Mabel Fenton, Alice Atherton, Edward Remenyi, Tony Pastor, Sam Bernard, Bobby Gaylor, Ezra Kendall, W. T. Carleton, Peter F. Dailey, John T. Kelly, Russell Brothers, John Kernell, James Thornton, Joseph Hart, Carrie De Mar, Fred Hallen, Mollie Fuller, George Evans, Mark Murphy, Frank Bush, George Fuller Golden, Witta Peabody, "The Human Song Sheet," Peabody, "The Human Song Sheet," See Sunday Advertisements.
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First public performance in New York of "IN A PERSIAN GARDEN,"
Song Cycle, the words selected from the Rubaiyat of Omar Kayhan.
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